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Iraqi Missile Relocation Puts Pentagon on Guard

Baghdad Warned Against Targeting U.S. Reconnaissance and Fighter Jets

By Michael R. Gordon New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — Administration officials say that Iraq has moved surface-to-air missiles into the enclave in the southern part of the country that is patrolled by U.S. and allied

["We're monitoring the missiles," the White House spokesman, Marlin Fitzwater, said during a visit to the U.S. Military Academy, at West Point, New York, with President George Bush, "We're very concerned. We're still considering our options."

[A Pentagon spokesman, Bob Hall, warned lraq against employing the missiles' targeting radars against U.S. reconnaissance and fighter jets that are policing the area, Reuters report-

American officials said they were not sure why Iraq had moved the weapons, described as Soviet-made SA-2 and SA-3 missiles, into the zone, from which Iraqi aircraft are barred by the United Nations Security Council, which acted in August 1991 in an effort to protect rebellious Shiite Muslims active in Iraq's southern marshlands.

The movement of the missiles could mean that Iraq is anticipating a strike against its installations in response to its violations of the zone. But some U.S. officials are concerned that Itaq may be trying to shoot down an American aircraft in reply to the downing of an Iraqi MiG in the prohibited area last week.

"The main concern is that Iraq may be trying to bag an American aircraft," said an American official who asked not to be identified.

The movement of the missiles comes amid signs that Baghdad may still be intent on testing Western resolve to enforce the restrictions im-posed on Iraq after the Gulf War. After an American F-16 shot down the Iraqi

MiG-25 last week, the general view in the administration was that Iraq would shrink from further such challenges. But U.S. officials said Iraqi planes had continued to probe the edge of the tone. One officials with the tone. the zone. One official said there were three Iraqi

incursions into the zone on Monday. It is not clear what, if any, action the Bush administration is prepared to take in its final weeks. Options that have been discussed include staging air strikes against airfields and other targets in Iraq, or extending the no-flight zone to cover all of Iraqi territory, as it was immediately after the Gulf War.

Even after the zone over southern Iraq was established, Iraq kept some surface-to-air missiles in the area. Iraq was warned that activating the radars that guide the missile batteries or otherwise threatening the American, British, and French planes that patrol the zone would

be considered a hostile act.

But in recent days, U.S. officials said, Iraq has taken two additional steps, moving more surface-to-air missiles south of the 32d parallel and moving some of the missiles that were

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A Chemical Plant for Iran?

Poison Gas at Issue as U.S. Weighs Sale

By R. Jeffrey Smith

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — The U.S. administration is considering whether to authorize the sale to Iran of a chemical plant that would produce as a by-product a widely available chemical war-fare agent, according to administration and congressional officials.

Iran wants to buy the plant from BP America Inc. for an estimated \$100 million, the officials said. The company, a subsidiary of British Petroleum Co., has assured the Bush administration that the plant would be incal by from to

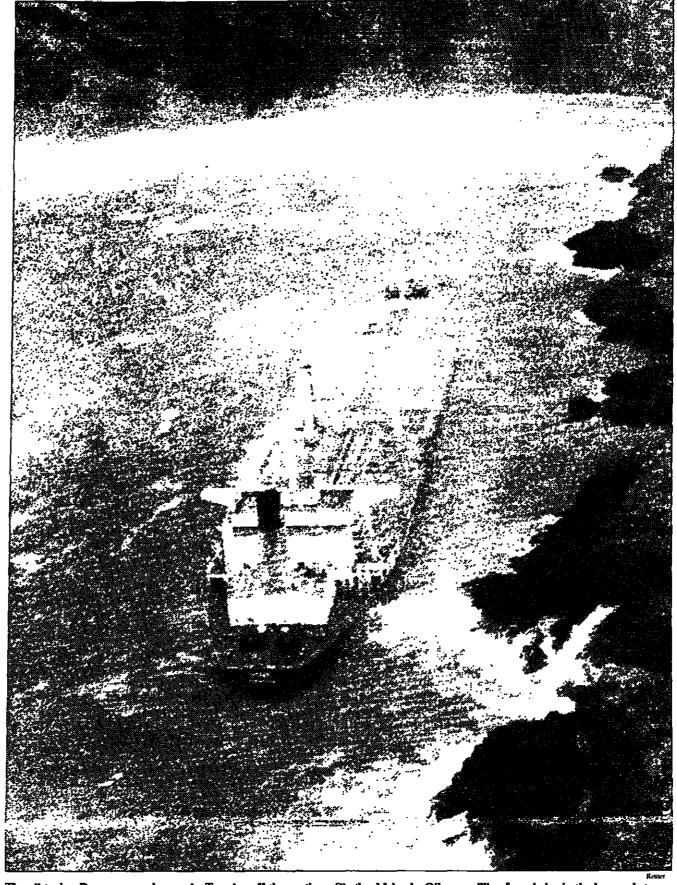
ing synthetic fibers. But the proposed sale, which is backed by the Commerce Department, has aroused strong protests among members of Congress and export control officials at the Defense and State

These officials have said the sale should be barred because the plant would unavoidably create quantities of hydrogen cyanide, a substance used as a chemical warfare agent in World War I by France, Britain and Russia.

The issue of how to handle sensitive exports of U.S. commercial technology is expected to pose a major dilemma for the next president. Bill Clinton, who has vowed to improve the U.S. economy by increasing foreign trade and also pledged to make nonproliferation of dan-

gerous weapons a major priority. "It is absolutely crazy on its face," an administration official said of the proposed sale. He

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The oil tanker Brear, aground on rocks Tuesday off the southern Shetland Islands. Oil was spilling from holes in the bow and stern.

Paris Digs In on Buoying Franc, but Traders Hedge

By Tom Redburn

PARIS — There is something awfully familiar about the French government's repeated vows to defend the franc.

Just as London insisted right up to the last minute that it would maintain the value of the British pound before finally giving way, so, too, has Paris desperately dug in against any fall in the French franc. And many currency traders are betting that France will be no more effective in resisting speculative pressure than was Brit-

Indeed, a poll released Tuesday showed that a strong majority of French business executives, 71 percent, now recommend that a new conservative government expected to win power in late March should pursue more expansion-

The soft option, the devaluer's option, the inflationary option, would be a betraval of our future.

- John Major, September 1992.

A bit of inflation, a little devaluation, that's what those with the easy answers recommend.

- Pierre Beregovov, January 1993.

ist economic policies, even at the expense of a weaker franc. Only 22 percent supported the current government's policy of a franc fort, or

For all the similarities between France and Britain, there are also important differences that give the French some added benefits. Yel, in the end, the answer probably lies not in Paris

"The key is still the Bundesbank," says Bren-dan Brown, chief economist at Mitsubishi Finance in London. "If they cut rates on Thursday, there is some hope for the franc. If they

don't, the pressure will just continue to build."
On Tuesday, the Bundesbank and the Bank of France, along with the two governments, issued a joint statement repeating their pledge to maintain the existing parity between the

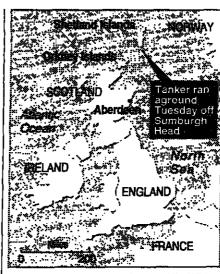
Deutsche mark and the franc. Bank of France governor Jacques de Larosière said that a deval-uation would be "absurd." At the same time, the French government effectively raised official interest rates by shut-

ting down its 5- to 10-day lending facility at 10 percent and offering emergency funds at 12 percent. The franc firmed slightly, closing at 3.4102 Deutsche marks.

Compared with Britain, France is far closer

to Germany and has been backed repeatedly by Bundesbank currency interventions to shore up the franc. That stands in stark contrast to the unauthorized but widely publicized statement by the Bundesbank president, Helmut Schlesinger, on the eve of London's withdrawal from the European exchange rate mechanism sug-

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Singapore Bucks Tide in the Labor Pool It Will Woo Foreign Professionals and Delay Retirements

By Michael Richardson

International Herald Tribune SINGAPORE — Keep out foreign labor? Make workers retire early?

Not in Singapore, where the trend is going the other way.

Worried that its buoyant economy will be undermined by a chronic

labor shortage. Singapore will soon raise the retirement age to 60, from 55, and broaden efforts to recruit foreign professionals. In rapidly developing one of the highest living standards in Asia,
Singapore has become heavily dependent on foreign workers, especially to do laboring jobs that increasingly well-educated Singaporeans refuse

Highlighting this change, the government said Tuesday it would send a mission to the former Soviet Union as part of its intensified effort to attract foreign professionals, scientists and skilled workers as Singapore shifts its economy to high-technology and value-added industries.

and away from labor-intensive, low-tech activities. Lee Shuit Kuin, head of the International Manpower Policy section of the Economic Development Board, a government agency, said that Russian and Ukrainian researchers and scientists would be sought for electronics and information technology, biotechnology and engineer-

Raising the retirement age would help ease the labor shortage, said Y. C. Boon, president of the Singapore Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry. "With rapid advances in medical science and public health, many Singaporeans are still hale and hearty at 60," he said. "They can

continue contributing to the economy. The government has decided to use its overwhelming majority in parliament to legislate an increase in the mandatory retirement age of

55 because many companies are reluctant to adopt the measure Employers said they were concerned that they might be burdened by higher costs and disputes as older workers were retrained or moved to

less taxing positions. Under the proposed law, workers would be able to See LABOR, Page 6

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For Chelsea Clinton, a Private School

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas (AP) - Chel- many family discussions and careful considsea Clinton will shift to private school from public school when the family moves to Washington, her family said Tuesday. The decision for Chelsea, 12, to attend Sidwell Friends School was made "after

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on Israel. 1.6255 1 639 1.55 1.5005 124.80 125.30 5.5425

General News Balkan combatants were warned that time was run-Page 2. ning out. U.S. Jewish leaders remain suspicious of Clinton

Page 3. **Business/Finance** Gerald Corrigan, head of the New York Fed, is to Page 11.

Clinton's First 100 Days Entry form, Page 3

eration," they said.

A spokesman said the decision was not a

rejection of the District of Columbia's public

schools but the result of a family elfort to find

the right environment for their daughter.

Sports Mike Ditka is fired by the Chicago Bears. Page 16.

Oil Disaster Looms: Ship Runs Aground In Shetlands

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Heavy Seas Block Effort To Contain Huge Cargo, A Big Ecological Threat

> By William E. Schmidt New York Times Service

LONDON - A tanker loaded with nearly 620,000 barrels of crude oil was impaled on the rocks off Scotland's remote Shetland Islands on Tuesday night, battered by hurricane force winds and heavy seas, and spilling oil along a rugged, cliff-lined coast that is home to one of

Europe's largest seabird and wildlife colonies. Rescue tugs and crews flying helicopters into winds of 80 miles per hour (130 kilometers per hour) managed early Tuesday to remove all 34 crewmen from the decks of the foundering Liberian-registered tanker, the Brear.

But environmentalists and local officials said they feared an ecological disaster if oil slicks from the broken ship spread into craggy bays that offer winter sanctuary to birds and sea

An official of the government's Marine Pol-lution Control Unit said late Tuesday that high waves and winds were preventing crews from reaching the wreck with booms to contain the oil, or detergents to help disperse it.

But the official said that crews on the scene

also had reported that the fierce seas appeared to be helping to scatter the slick.

But with no break expected in the severe weather before Wednesday, salvage crews also

feared that the pounding seas might soon smash the single-hulled, 20-year-old tanker, causing it to break up and spill its entire cargo along the rocky coast of the islands, a sparse, rugged outcrop about 200 miles (325 kilometers) north of Aberdeen, Scotland.

The Exxon Valdez, a much larger ship that ran aground off the coast of Alaska in 1989, spilled more than 260 000 hearth of oil.

spilled more than 260,000 barrels of oil - less than half the Brear's cargo — in what is regard-

ed as one of the worst oil spills ever.

But the Alaska spill involved a much heavier variety of crude oil, which spread into a sheltered wildlife estuary rather than along a rocky, stormy coastline exposed to the open sea.

The largest spill ever was from the 1979 collision of two supertankers off Tobago, in which more than 1.6 million barrels were

The accident on Tuesday was the second major oil spill in Europe in five weeks. On Dec. 3, a Greek tanker broke in two and caught fire after it ran aground in stormy weather near La Coruna. Spain. spilling about 570 million barrels of oil into the sea, where it was mostly dispersed by waves.

A spokesman for the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, Chris Hubbard, said that because the largest part of the Shetlands' colonies of sea birds were not expected there until next month, the number of seabirds at risk probably numbered in the thousands, rather

than hundreds of thousands. Those imperiled by the oil were longialled ducks, common loons, eider ducks and shags that shelter in the rocky bays near the southern

tip of the Shetlands and feed on the water. many of them by diving for fish. He said Quendale Bay, where the ship had run aground, also had a population of sea otters, and there were unconfirmed reports

Tuesday that some animals had already been seen covered with oil. The western coast of the Shetlands is also the

site of numerous fish farms, which Shetland officials say also would be imperiled by the oil As darkness closed Tuesday afternoon over

the abandoned ship, pitching on the rocks beneath an 800-foot (245-meter) cliff, salvage crews said they could see oil spilling from holes gouged into bow and stern, below the waterline. Meteorologists in Scotland said they foresaw no immediate break in the weather, and while winds were expected to ease somewhat on

Wednesday, another storm system was on the

Witnesses on the Shetlands' southern coast reported they could smell the oil two miles downwind from the ship, and police sealed off the uninhabited headland to guard against the possible risk of an explosion.

The Brear was passing eastbound off the southern tip of the Shetlands early Tuesday, en route to Canada from Norway, when sea water got into its fuel tanks, causing its engines to fail.

Heavy seas and southwesterly winds then pushed the helpless ship broadside toward Garth's Ness, a rocky headland that guards the entrance to Quendale Bay, a graveyard of ships since the times of the Spanish Armada,

For five hours, the ship's crew and teams of helicopters and sea-going salvage tugs battled unsuccessfully to get a line onto the drifting tanker, and drag it out of harm's way.

The spill was the most serious in Britain since the Torrey Canyon ran aground in March 1987, spreading nearly 920,000 barrels of oil into the Atlantic off Land's End, fouling beaches and coastline in Cornwall and southwest England.

Linda and Harry – Behind the Camera for the Bill and Hillary Show Rv Kim Masters man of Columbia's parent, Sony Pictures Enthough Pales Bushs was parted though Song Pictures Linda "And Post the House," he tells I inda "And Post the House," he tells I inda

By Kim Masters Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - Bill Clinton picked up the phone and called a top executive at CBS. The governor of Arkansas was concerned.

Mr. Clinton's friends, the husband-and-wife television producers Linda Bloodworth-Thomason and Harry Thomason, were locked in mortal combat with Delta Burke, a star in their hit series "Designing Women." It was the end of the 1990-91 television season, and executives at Columbia Pictures' television division were backing Ms. Burke. They had even hired someone to replace the Thomasons.

So Mr. Clinton phoned Jay Kriegel, a senior vice president at the network. I hope you'll support Linda and Harry," he said, as Mr. Kriegel recalls. Later Mr. Clinton tried his powers of persuasion with Peter Guber, chair-

the Clinton factor remains unquantified. Such are the ties that bind the inner circle of Arkansas friends that includes the Thomasons. They share an almost clannish code: Loyalty is

the law, and lapses are long remembered. The Thomasons, who also created "Evening Shade" and "Hearts Afire," have never faltered in their commitment to Bill Clinton. During the grueling campaign, they helped to beam their candidate directly into America's living rooms, bypassing the cold filter of the news media. Slightly reclusive, Linda assisted from afar. Clinion staffers who got her faxes and phone

calls called her "the Greta Garbo of the cam-Harry was on-site and hands-on. "If the governor saw him, he would kind of brighten up," recalls James Carville, the top campaign

something a little uncomfortable about this exceptionally intimate linkage between the incoming president and the sitcomedians. That helicopter footage of the Clintons' sojourn with the Thomasons at an \$8 million estate in Summerland, California, over Thanksgiving did not

In Hollywood, the one they talk about is Linda. She is the creator and writer - in the television world, that is serious power. Those who have worked on shows with her remember her as closeted somewhere, writing frantically on yellow legal pads, usually through the night and invariably at the last minute. She spews out scripts and manages to keep "creative control" in an iron grasp. But she doesn't confront. For that, she has Harry,

"You're the pampered poodle who lives in

Harry was raised in Hampton, Arkansas, population - at the time - 838. His parents were grocers. He was an adventurous boy, always inventing things - though most of his ideas had already come and, in some cases,

Southern Arkansas University, and then became a high school coach. Then he decided to try a career in film. He got a book on filmmaking from the library, hired his former assistant coaches as a crew, and persuaded an Arkansas gubernatorial

candidate. Frank Whitbeck, to let him shoot his political spots. Harry kept at it, making very low-budget pictures. His break came when he bought the

had a wife and daughter, hitching rides on Federal Express planes - a skill he picked up in college - and staying in a decidedly unglamorous Burbank motel. He acquired people's confidence and went from producing jobs on one TV movie to the next. During this period, His big love was football. He played at his brother introduced him to Bill Clinton, who wanted to lure some film production to Arkan-

sas (and did). Then he met Linda and the two "kind of

made a lot of eye contact." Linda had grown up near the Arkansas border in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, the daughter of a hard-drinking, argumentative lawyer and a traditional stay-at-home mother. Her father was so liberal, she says, that she "never had anything to rebel against."

She went to California in the '70s, dabbled briefly in journalism, taught high school in Watts, and scored a quick success with an episode of "M+A+S+H" that she wrote with an actress friend. But --- maybe because she's the bigger star in Hollywood - she feels comfortable dating her success to the advent of Harry, "Nothing really happened for me," she says. before I married Harry." Linda is famous for the unprecedented feat

of having written the first 35 episodes of "Designing Women." She writes fast and furiously -and alone. Even during the campaign, Linda wrote almost every "Hearts Afire" script plus the opening "Evening Shade" and a lew of "Designing Women."

They were married in 1983. Six hundred guests attended the wedding in Poplar Bluff. "It

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Time Ebbing Fast, Mediators Warn Balkan Combatants

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the Balkans war Tuesday that time was running out for negotiations, but they also urged the international community to resist political pressure for military action until after a second round of talks.

"International pressure certainly is very strong to see a final result here and not to have these talks drag on indefinitely." Fred Eckhard, spokesman for the mediators, said Tuesday. "Our time is running out."

After talks here Sunday and Monday, the Bosnian Serb leader, Radovan Karadzic, asked for more time to consult on the three-part compromise package issued by the two mediators Cyrus R. Vance and Lord

The package set out plans for an end to hostilities, a new constitution and a map dividing Bosnia into 10

Lord Owen urged the international community to hold off military intervention until after the second round of talks Sunday.

In a BBC television interview, he said: "I think loud and clear threats are actually probably now not helpful in terms of dealing with Serbian sentiment. The Serbs are a proud nation and they don't take kindly to

"So I think the world has signaled pretty clearly to Belgrade and to the Bosnian Serbs that their patience is running out. I don't think we need to do very much

Lord Owen said Serb insistence on a separate Serb state within Bosnia with the right to conduct its own foreign policy was the biggest single problem.

"What they want is impossible to deliver in terms of

the international community." he said. Mr. Karadzic said he could not accept Bosnia "as one state," but that the Serbs would be willing to accept a "confederation without right to join other

"But we have to have the right of self-determination," he said.

Mr. Vance, representing the United Nations, and

Lord Owen, the European Community envoy, were to GENEVA -- Mediators warned the combatants in travel to Belgrade, the Serbian and federal Yugoslav capital, for a meeting Wednesday with Slobodan Milosevic, Serbia's leader.

Mr. Milosevic, who has not attended the Geneva talks, is blamed by many for fomenting the war in Bosnia. He has considerable influence over Bosnian

Mr. Vance and Lord Owen want to try to persuade Mr. Milosevic to talk Mr. Karadzic into accepting their compromise package.

If they succeed, there could be a breakthrough when the talks reconvene Sunday. If not, the pressure for outside military intervention in Bosnia will increase. Mr. Vance and Lord Owen's constitutional propos-

als call for a decentralized state, with most government functions carried out by the provinces, and a central government responsible for foreign policy, but not defense.

An accompanying map sets out boundaries of 10 autonomous provinces, each with a prominent ethnic group. Serbs would be required to give up some captured territory, but would be dominant in at least half the republic. They now hold 70 percent of Bosnia. Although fighting has died down because of the Geneva negotiations, winter is taking a growing toll. An official said Tuesday that United Nations officials, switching their priority from feeding the population of Sarajevo, have decided to concentrate on saving peo-

ple from freezing to death. The cold is killing old people daily. Experts fear the current freeze may cause a big wave of deaths.

"We are reorienting the priorities," said José-Maria Mendiluce, the head of UN humanitarian relief efforts in the former Yugoslavia. "We are going to concentrate more on stoves, wood, coal and sleeping bags." Mr. Mendiluce, who represents the United Nations

High Commissioner for Refugees, said the agency would be sending 55,000 sleeping bags and 6,000 stoves into Sarajevo in the next few days.

Most of the truck convoys and relief flights into Sarajevo over recent months have carried food and medicine. (AP, Reuters)

Proposed Bosnian Map The international mediators Cyrus Vance and Lord Owen SERBIA



Muslim, some Croatian
 4, 6. Serbian
 Croatian, Serbian
 Serbian, Muslim

Croatian 9, 10. Croatian, Muslim

Mitterrand Assails Call to Intervene in Bosnia

PARIS — President François Mitterrand on Tues-day criticized what he called "warmongering" by peo-ple who were demanding French military intervention

Mr. Mitterrand, who discussed the conflict with President George Bush on Sunday, took a swipe at not send forces there.

Speaking at a New Year's ceremony for state digni-taries, he recalled that France had the largest contin-

gent of troops in the United Nations peacekeeping force in the former Yugoslav republics and 10,000 men serving in UN operations worldwide.

"We are paying the price for our presence," he said. "so we cannot constantly receive lessons and advice saying 'go in there' from those who are not themselves going into Yugoslavia."

"The United States doesn't mind going in by air,"

nations such as the United States that offered to enforce an air-exclusion zone over Bosnia but would

Mr. Mitterrand added. "But it's up to France to right the wrongs. When I see the warmongering campaigns, I'm rather inclined to say it is too easy.

Orderliness Rules as Rural Somalis Get Food Aid

By John Lancaster

Washington Post Service

QUAARAF, Somalia — In a country whose name has become synonymous with looting, violence and famine victims scuffling for food, the scene that unfolded in this tiny bush village this week was little short of remarkable:

A convoy of food trucks rolled up with an escort of U.S. Marines, aid workers unloaded bags of donated Australian wheat - and everyone waited his turn. Three weeks after U.S. military forces moved out from their initial landing zone in the capital, Mogadishu, food deliveries to the country-

side began to seem almost routine. While many rural pockets have yet to be reached, food is flowing farther and more fre-

quently into outlying villages.

Moreover, U.S. military forces and relief agencies have begun to refine their techniques for delivering food, trying whenever possible to dis-tribute it to individual families rather than simply dropping it off in one big pile, where it typically has been stolen by looters or hoarded by the

strongest villagers. The phenomenon is especially evident in rural areas near the provincial capital, Baidoa, a major food distribution point that was the first objective

for U.S. forces to secure after they left Mogadishu. Every morning, convoys of food trucks rumble through Baidoa bound for villages such as this one, which until Sunday had not received any food aid since gunmen stole camels and grain stores and killed 15 local men in a months of looting last year. according to Paul Enright, an aid coordinator for

the Irish relief group Concern.

"The fighting has stopped. The villages have been a lot safer," he said. "Every family gets a sack. If someone comes in tonight and loots a few families, we can't stop that, but at least 95 percent

of the people who need it will get it." Despite the security improvements, the distribution system remains far from perfect, as was demonstrated in Quaaral when Marines discovered that drivers from the food convoy were trying to hide bags for themselves behind a bush.

Similarly, military and relief officials have only begun recently to shift their emphasis to helping individual families, meaning that most of the aid still winds up in the hands of village elders who may or may not divide it equitably.

Some agencies plan to continue the practice of "bombardment" feeding — dropping off a single load and letting the villagers divide the spoils — with the goal of saturating the country with so much grain that eventually no one will even bother

But U.S. military commanders in Baidoa expressed confidence that the combination of the two techniques is working and that food convoys would soon be delivering to all parts of their operations area, which extends up to about 60 kilometers from the city and includes roughly 250

"There's a lot of indications that the food is getting out there," said Captain Ed Hackett, a Marine who is coordinating military protection of relief convoys from a gutted building at the Baidoa airport. One of the indications is that the price of grain on the black market in Baidoa has dropped from 700 Somali shillings a kilogram a month ago to about 400 shillings. Captain Hackett said.

"With the harvest in three weeks, they need to get people into agricultural areas so they can get the food in right away," he said. "Get the food out there, get the people out there, then get the harvest in to sustain them."

Thus did food finally come to Quaaraf, a collection of conical grass-roofed huts surrounded by sorghum fields about 25 kilometers by car from Baidoa. The week before, Concern workers had visited the village to take the names of 580 families here and in surrounding hamlets for later use in the

The operation began Sunday in orderly fashion. with one of the village elders explaining the rules through loudspeakers on an army psychological operations truck. For the next six hours, as villagers waited patiently in the blazing sun, Mr. Enrigh shouted names from a list. Those who were called would step forward, extend a palm to be daubed with purple dye — a precaution against cheating and step to the back of a truck to receive the allotted 50-kilogram bag.

Then they carried it home on their backs - up to 10 kilometers in some cases, Mr. Enright said. There was at least one sign that the program was beginning to have its desired effect. After the grain was all gone, Mr. Enright learned from a village elder that 28 more families had arrived in the area since the initial census, a sign that the promise of food and security could be luring people back to their homes. He promised to come back later in the

week with food for them.



A Somali food thief protesting Tuesday as a Marine pulled him away at the port in Mogadishn. Two others also were detained.

Warlord's Anti-UN Stand Threatens Somalia Talks

New York Times Service ADDIS ABABA, Somalia The Somali peace talks under way here hit a major snag Tuesday when a powerful warlord said he had no confidence in the ability of the United Nations to help his

process. General Mohammed Farrah Aidid's Somali National Alliance said that the UN secretary-general did not understand Somalia's "intricate political problems."

country and called on the United

States to take its place in the peace

It also described the peacemakine efforts of the secretary-general, Butros Butros Ghali, as "too meddling, too divisive and too secretive to produce any positive result for the betterment of Somalia."

WASHINGTON - Scientists

on Tuesday announced the discov-

dinosaur — a predator believed to

be an ancestor of the rapacious

With the discovery of a dog-sized

meat-eater in the Andes foothills.

scientists said they had moved a

step closer to identifying the com-

mon ancestor of all dinosaurs
This may be as close as we ever

come to that common ancestor,

seven-ton tyrannosaur.

lia, Robert B. Oakley, said U.S. political groups to hold a national forces would step up efforts to collect heavy weapons from armed groups in Mogadishu and the countryside. Reuters reported from "Now that we have more forces

on the ground and those forces have more mobility - helicopters for example, some of which are just arriving this week — you'll find the activities to round up the heavy weapons will increase." he said. He added of the warlords, "When they find they've been deprived of heavy weapons, they begin to shrink, almost from within."]

General Aidid's stand makes it unlikely that Mr. Boutros Ghali can succeed in persuading the lead- groups rebuild local administration

[The U.S. special envoy to Soma- ers of Somalia's 14 most important reconciliation conference in a couple of months to form a new interim government, although the talks were extended by a third day to end on Wednesday.

> About 10 groups appeared ready to back the UN approach and to try to set the date, location and agenda for such a conference as a first step in the peace process. But General Aidid's group, with

support from three others, wants the United States to take over as the guiding force behind the search for peace. His group also said that before a conference was convened. the United States and other Western aid donors should help the

in areas they control, and establish a nationwide cease-fire. So far, all that the 14 groups appear to have agreed upon is the

creation of a joint committee to consider the follow-up to the current round of talks in Adid Ababa. But Mr. Butros Ghali sought at a news conference Tuesday night to put the best light on the probable outcome of the talks, asserting that the peace process was being estabhed, albeit slowly.

"You need patience, political imagination and time to make peace," he said, adding. "And you also have your ups and downs." ■ A Marine-Somali Clash

A U.S. Marine sharpshooter shot

moved deeper and more aggressively into areas of the capital that continue to be wracked by violence. The Washington Post reported from Mogadishu.

Colonel Fred Peck of the U.S. Marines said the incident occurred after a small Marine task force flushed several Somalis from an abandoned apartment building where they had been suiping at U.S. forces in north Mogadishu. The Somalis began shooting at

the Marines, apparently after finding their escape route blocked by gunmen from a rival clan, Colonel Peck said. The Marines saw the Somali fall and recovered his AK-47 assault rulle. The body apparentand apparently killed a Somali clan ly was taken away by fellow clansfighter Tuesday as U.S. forces men, he said.

Refugees, Wielding Clubs,

of German far-rightists who attacked their hostel in a small Bavarian

stormed a refugee hostel on Tuesday, shouting slogans. But the refugees, mostly Kurds and Yugoslavs, grabbed clubs and chased the gang away.

been the chief targets of months of attacks, including firebombings and murders, by mainly young neo-Nazis and far-rightists.

The police in Erfurt said Tuesday that vandals had overturned gravestones in two Jewish cometeries near the East German city of

villages of Schleusingen and Sankt Kilian.

Meanwhile, officials of the New York City pension fund have written to Chancellor Helmut Kohl asking whether investments in Germany were safe because of violence by neo-Nazis and rightist

The spokesman confirmed a newspaper report that investment managers for the fund had sent Mr. Kohl a letter expressing concern about anti-Semitism and violence against foreigners in Germany.

Boys' Killer **First Since** '65 to Hang In the U.S.

By Timothy Egan
New York Times Service

WALLA WALLA, Washington - Using a U.S. Army execution manual from the 19th century, the state of Washington hanged Westley Allan Dodd early Tuesday morning for killing three children. It was the first legal hanging in the United States since 1965.

Less than 12 hours after the state Supreme Court upheld the coastinutionality of hanging a black hood was fitted over Mr. Dodd's head, a noose was put around his neck and he dropped through a trapdoor in front of 16 witnesses

who were behind a glass window.

A small cluster of demonstrators who were huddled in the snow and freezing temperatures outside the prison set off fireworks and cheered as Mr. Dodd was pronounced dead at 12:09 A.M., about five minutes after the execution started. Nearby, an equally small group of people protesting the death penalty lit candles and prayed. They criticized hanging as a barbaric, medieval practice.

Witnesses said the execution, the state's first in 30 years and the 189th in the United States since the death penalty was reinstated in was swift and mechanical. with little evidence of suffering.

"I went into the review room expecting to see something very revolting, very ghastly." said Darrell Lee, Mr. Dodd's attorney. "I came away with the view that, 'Hey, if you are going to be executed, hanging is the way to go." Mr. Dodd, who had waived all

appeals since his 1989 conviction for killing three boys, ate a meal of salmon and potatoes, then spoke his final words in the gallows. He said he had undergone a religious conversion to Christianity and that he had changed his view that sexual predators were incurable.

Clair Neer, the father of two boys who were stabbed and raped by Mr. Dodd, shook his head in what appeared to be a motion of disgust as Mr. Dodd talked about his 11th-hour conversion. He and Jewell Cornell, the mother a 4-yearold boy who was raped and strangled to death by Mr. Dodd, were the only two witnesses representing family members of the victims.

Mr. Dodd chose death by hanging rather than lethal injection. The last hangings in the United States were in 1965 in Kansas, when four murderers were put to death. Among them were Richard Eugene Hickock and Perry Edward Smith, the subjects of Truman Capote's book, "In Cold Blood."

Mr. Dodd's crimes stunned the Pacific Northwest as few acts of violence have ever done. The Neer brothers, William, 10, and Cole, 11. were knocked from their bikes in September 1989 while riding in a park in Vancouver, Washington. Both boys were tied up, stabbed to death and one of them was raped.

Less than two months later, Lee Iseli, 4. was hired from a playground in Portland, Oregon, where he was playing with his 9-year-old brother. Mr. Dodd promised him money and "fun." The boy was taken to an apartment, raped over a two-day period, strangled to death, then hanged in a closet.

Mr. Dodd was arrested a few weeks later, caught trying to abduct a 6-year-old boy from a movie theater. He confessed to three killings, showed police a diary and pictures that he kept of the victims, and then professed a desire to be executed for his crimes rather than spend his life in prison.

He had history of arrests and convictions for molesting children. but had never spent more than 118 days in jail.

WORLD BRIEFS

China Sharpens Hong Kong Threat BELING (AP) — China issued a veiled threat on Tuesday that it

would put pressure on Hong Kong's economy unless the British colony backed down on its plans for greater democracy before reverting to Chinese control in 1997.

The implied threat of economic harm came in a report from the state-

The implied threat of economic narm came in a report from the state-controlled Xinhua press agency that stressed the increasingly important role China plays in Hong Kong's economy.

'China has replaced the United States as Hong Kong's largest trade partner, biggest market and leading commodity supplier," the report noted. It followed a warning on Sunday by Lu Ping, director of China's Hong Kong and Macao Office, that he saw no chance for improvement in Chinese British relations if constitutional changes proposed by Governor Chris Patten were not abandoned.

Judge in Honecker Trial Is Removed

BERLIN (AP) - The chief judge in Erich Honecker's manslaughter trial was removed for passing on an autograph request to the former East German leader and then giving an evasive answer about the incident, a court spokesman said Tuesday.

A new chief judge has been appointed to replace Judge Hansgeorg Brantigam, and the trial will resume as scheduled on Thursday, but the decision is another setback for prosecutors. Doctors say that Mr. Honecker, 80, who was charged in connection with killings of East Germans who tried to flee to the West, is likely to die of liver cancer before a verdict

Defense lawyers and attorneys for the victims' families had asserted that Judge Brautigam compromised himself by passing on a request for Mr. Honecker's autograph from an alternate juror on Dec. 21, and then asking that it be kept secret. When asked later about what he had done, the judge said he had done "nothing more than pass along ordinary mail,"

Fighting Begins to Spread in Angola
LUANDA, Angola (Reuters) — Several people died in fighting between forces of the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola and government troops on Tuesday in the coastal city of Benguela,

Fighting was expected to spread. "Forget about the peace process," a diplomat said. "This is civil war. It looks like a step-by-step offensive by the government." The Benguela fighting, which crupted Monday, folly lowed a battle in the southern city of Lubango on Sunday in which diplomatic sources said at least 100 people died.

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A UN special envoy, Margaret Anstee, who has been overseeing the peace process, was expected to meet President José Eduardo dos Santos to discuss the fighting. The UN may not extend its mandate beyond a Jan. 31 deadline, sources said, because neither Angolan side appeared committed to the 1991 peace accord that halted 16 years of civil war.

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Montreal Jews Denounce Vandalism

MONTREAL (Reuters) - Jewish leaders in Montreal on Tuesday denounced the recent vandalism of seven synagogues as "acts of terror" and the worst anti-Semitism and racists crimes seen in the city.

Vandals defaced seven synagogues over the weekend, painting red swastikas on all and "Juden Raus," a German slogan meaning "Jews Out" used by the Nazis.

"This is the worst act of racism in terms of magnitude and scope ever," said Jonathon Schneiderman, spokesman for League of Human Rights of B'nai B'rith in Montreal. The Canadian Jewish Congress and the Sun Youth Organization have combined to offer a reward of 10,000 Canadian dollars (\$7,900) for information leading to the arrest of the vandals.

For the Record

Princess Margaret, the younger sister of Queen Elizabeth II, spent her third day in a London hospital with pneumonia. Buckingham Palace said Tuesday. The palace said Margaret, 62, was taken to London's King Edward VII hospital on Sunday as a precautionary measure and is expected to remain for one or two more days.

(AP)

The editor and director of Smena, Slovakia's leading state-owned newspaper, have been dismissed, deepening fears for press freedom in the newly independent country. Smena journalists said they had no doubt the dismissals of Karol Jezik and Jozef Weiss had been politically motivated because the two had encouraged investigative reporting. Czechoslovakia broke into separate Czech and Slovak republics on Friday. (Reuters)

The military-backed government in Algeria announced on Tuesday imminent censorship of press reports on security matters and inaugurated three special courts created to crack down on Muslim extremists with

TRAVEL UPDATE

Transatlantic air fare cuts were announced Tuesday by Virgin Atlantic (\$149.50). Fares to Miami or Orlando were cut to £129 and those to Los Angeles to £149. British Airways will not match the reductions. (Remers)

Swiss trains set records for timeliness in 1992. A national railroad spokesman said that 80 percent of trains arrived within a minute and 96 percent within five minutes of the scheduled time. A Pakistan-Kazakhstan air link was agreed to on Tuesday at a meeting

in Islamabad of Finance Minister Sartaj Aziz of Pakistan and Transport Minister Esangarin Niametjan of Kazakhstan. The two officials also discussed measures to increase bilateral cooperation in trade, transport and communications. Japan and France are to co-sponsor a preparatory meeting in Paris on Jan. 21 and 22 for a high-level conference on restoration aid for Cambodia's Angkor temple complex. Fourteen countries and two United Na-

service reported. The meeting will lay the groundwork for a higher-level conference to be held in Japan later. Sahena, Belgium's national airline, wants to postpone the scrapping of passport controls for nine European Community nations at Zaventem international Airport in Brussels until 1995, when airport expansions are scheduled to be completed.

tions organizations are expected to take part in the meeting. Kyodo news

Tokyo Says It Overdid Secrecy on Plutonium

TOKAI, Japan - Japanese lead- plutonium by land or sea is unactonium shipment that set off pro-tests in several countries, but they ruled out any changes in their nuclear program.

task of removing 1.7 tons of highly to the country's energy needs. toxic plutonium oxide from the early Tuesday.
"We've finished unloading seven of the 15 containers of plutonium,"

an official said. "We'll complete the work tomorrow." He said the plutonium would be stored in a nearby government plant until the second half of 1994, when it would trucked to a fastbreeder reactor in western Japan.

About 500 people, led by four Buddhist monks, marched outside the plutonium research plant after the vessel arrived. About 1,000 poticemen stood by. During the ship's two-month

voyage from France, Japan came under attack for refusing to give the vessel's position. Tokyo said the secrecy was necessary to guard against possible terrorist attack, Hours after the ship arrived, government leaders said they might

ease their policy. Science and Technology Minister Mamoru Nakajima, in charge of the project, said, "Maybe we didn't explain enough. From now on we want to make public everything we

"We will try harder to gain the understanding of foreign countries in the future," he said, but he ruled out any change in Japan's basic policy on plutonium use.

ers conceded on Tuesday that they ceptable because of the danger of had been too secretive about a plu- an accident spreading widespread

Environmentalists say shipping

Technicians began the delicate breeder reactors, seen as the answer Japan plans to stockpile the mafreighter Akatsuki Maru soon after terial for eventual use in nuclear it arrived in Tokai, north of Tokyo, power plants. More shipments, experted to total more than 30 tons.

toxic substance to fuel the fast-

are expected in the next decade. Critics say the shipments and Japan's commitment to develop fastbreeder reactors, which produce more plutonium than they use, will contribute to nuclear proliferation and pose an environmental and terrorist threat. Plutonium can be used to make nuclear weapons.

(Reuters, AP)

Italian Scandal Claims Its Fifth Suicide Victim

ROME - A broad inquiry into corruption involving public works contracts claimed its fifth suicide victim when a 45-year-old surveyor was found dead, the police said Tuesday. The scandal involves the payment of bribes by businessmen to politicians in exchange for con-

Roberto Spallarossa, a surveyorfor a hospital in Pavia, killed himself by piping exhaust fumes into his car, the police said. Investigators are inquiring about contracts awarded for the building of a new radiotherapy unit at the hospital where Mr. Spallarossa worked.

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said a University of Chicago pale-ontologist, Paul Sereno, at a National Geographic Society news ery of the world's most primitive conference on his findings. The newly discovered beast,

Earliest Dinosaur Yet Is Discovered

called "eoraptor" or "dawn stealer," was a clever bunter that walked on two legs about 225 million years ago, before the dinosaur family tree split widely. The fossil was found by a team

of U.S. and Argentine paleontologists in northwestern Argentina. The fossil dates from the Triassic era, when the continents began drifting apart. "It would have been a crafty hunter, probably eating small ani-

mals and snatching the young of larger species," Mr. Sereno said. The dinosaur, described in an article to be published in the Jan. 7 issue of the British journal Nature. is also featured in the January issue of National Geographic magazine. Mr. Sereno said the fossil confirmed suspicions that dinosaurs. which evolved into much larger and

small, carnivorous bipeds about the size of a pheasant.

The first coraptor specimen, apparently an adult, measures about 40 inches (100 centimeters) from its nose to the tip of its tail and probably weighed about 25 pounds (11 kilograms). "It's hardly larger than big butterball turkey," said Peter Dodson, a dinosaur expert at the University of Pennsylvania's School of Veterinary Medicine. It had the grasping, three-fingered hands typical of a theropod, designed to rake flesh from prey.

Eoraptor turned up near the spot in the Ischigualasto Valley where, in 1988, Mr. Sereno found the most complete skeleton of the earliest dinosaur then known, named a her-The herrerasaur and eoraptor lived at about the same time, but

eoraptor has more primitive fea-

tures, putting it closer to the first (Reuters, AP)

Repel Attack in Germany

MUNICH - Foreign refugees armed with clubs chased off a gang

No one was injured, and the police were looking for the assailants. Foreign refugees applying for political asylum in Germany have

were responsible for the vandalism, discovered on Monday, even though no Nazi emblents were daubed on the cemeteries, in the

town, the police said Wednesday.

Police in Neustadt, on the Danube River, said six young rightists

Suhl. A police spokesman said the police believed that neo-Nazis

gangs, a government spokesman said Tuesday.

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TRANSITION /

FBI, Panting, Says Clinton is Rushing Them

WASHINGTON - The FBI has complained to the Clinton

transition team that it has not been given enough time to conduct complete background investigations on some of President-elect Bill

The transition team wants the investigations accelerated to get the administration running as soon as possible after the Jan. 20 inaugu-

Although FBI written policy states that the agency should have 30 calendar days for the investigation of presidential appointees required to 15

ing Senate confirmation, investigations have been shortened to 15 days for the transition. But sources said that the Clinton team had

shortened the period further, giving the FBI only six to 12 days on

In perhaps the most rushed case, the FBI was given six days that included the three-day New Year's weekend — from Dec. 30 to Tuesday — to investigate Les Aspin, Mr. Clinton's pick for defense

An aide to Mr. Aspin said that the FBI interview took less than 90

minutes and was conducted New Year's Eve in the back seat of a car

driven by an Aspin aide speeding to National Airport. The aide said the procedure seemed rushed, but he noted that Mr. Aspin, who has

Much of the Clinton Budget is Still Undecided

WASHINGTON - Mr. Clinton will submit his own budget

totally rewriting the one President George Bush comes up with this week - but many crucial details are unresolved, transition officials

say.

Mr. Clinton, who has received a set of options by his top economic

make his

advisers, must make the hard choices himself on how to make his budget reflect his campaign promise to "grow the economy" without

Representative Leon E. Panetta, Mr. Clinton's choice for director

of the Office of Management and Budget, is doing much of the inside work on the Chinton proposal, aides said. The California Democrat

One major item still unresolved, aides said, was how big a short-

term "stimulus" job-creation plan to propose in addition to the regular budget for the fiscal year that begins next Oct. I. (AP)

Krueger Named to Replace Bentsen in Senate

AUSTIN, Texas - Governor Ann Richards on Tuesday named

Railroad Commissioner Bob Krueger, a former congressman and

ambassador to Mexico, as her interim replacement for Senator Lloyd

Mr. Bentsen was chosen by Mr. Clinton to be Treasury secretary.

"I had many, many good people from which to chose," said Mrs.

"I'll do the very best I know how, the very best I can." Mr.

Mr. Krueger will serve until a special election is held - probably

Humphrey Taylor, president of the polling firm Louis Harris and Associates, whose organization found that only 10 percent of Ameri-

Associates, whose organization found that only 10 percent of Americans responding to a survey said they had a great deal of confidence in Congress: "The leadership recognizes it has to restore the image and work positively with the Clinton administration to get good legislation passed. Then, they would recover some. They may get out of the basement and into the ground floor."

(AP)

Car Thief Welcomes Ex-Mayor Barry

Washington Post Service

the car on Monday night after an officer saw someone driving it with the

headlights off. The officer followed the car, which crashed into garbage

cans, and the driver was caught while trying to fice.

"What a day," said Mr. Barry, who resigned as mayor in 1990 after a cocaine conviction and then served six months in prison. "I go downtown to have a nice, peaceful first day as Ward 8 councilman, and in a few minntes my car is gone. Amazing."

Mr. Barry had parked the car in front of the District Building, but discovered it missing about 11 A.M., shortly after he left the council

meeting. He said that someone apparently had stolen the keys from the

pocket of his coat, which was hanging in his empty office.

"It's unfortunate, but it's just another day in the city," said another council member, Bill Lightfoot. "It could happen to anybody."

• A federal jury found Lance Wilson, a top aide to former Housing

and Urban Development Secretary Samuel R. Pierce Jr. in the 1980s,

and Oroan Development Secretary Samuel R. Fierce Jr. in the 1980s, and two other men guilty of offering gratuities to HUD officials. But the jurors acquitted Mr. Wilson and the others, the Texas developer Leonard E. Briscoe and the lawyer Maurice David Steier, of more serious bribery, mail fraud and conspiracy charges. (AP)

• Spending on health care accounted for more than 14 percent of the national economic current last year, up from 13.2 percent in 1001, the

enational economic output last year, up from 13.2 percent in 1991, the Commerce Department said. The department estimated the healthcare bill for last year at \$838.5 billion and said health spending would total \$939.9 billion in 1993.

• The unseparated Stamese twins Yvonne and Yvette McCarther,

who defied skeptics by leading active lives while joined at the head,

died at age 43, apparently of natural causes, in Long Beach, Califor-

Top Cuban officials, including Fidel Castro's brother, Raul, are targets of a renewed U.S. drug-trafficking investigation in Miami, federal officials confirmed. Tom Cash, a Drug Enforcement Adminfederal officials confirmed.

istration official, said "the record is replete with names ranging from military officers to high government officials in Cuba," including Defense Minister Raul Castro and Cuba's former intelligence chief,

• A record number of homicides — 1,063 — were committed in Los

Angeles in 1992, the year in which the city was hit by the country's

worst riots this century, the Los Angeles Police Department reported. The previous record of 1,039 was set in 1991.

• Congressional investigators looking into the presecution of Rock-

well International Corp. for environmental crimes at the Rocky Flats

nuclear-bomb plant near Denver charged that the Justice Depart-

ment was too easy on the company. The investigators said the

department was so reluctant to go to trial that it caved in to

cans, and the driver was caught while trying to flee.

Away From Politics

Richards. "Many of them also happen to be good friends. But Bob Krueger is a man who will need no on-the-job training." She had

turned aside a suggestion that she take the post herself.

in May - to fill the final two years of the Bentsen term.

is chairman of the House Budget Committee.

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branch and in its association with the new president, Bill Clinton," said Thomas Foley. Democrat of Washington, after his re-election as speaker of the House. But although there is a rosy glow over Capitol Hill, arising largely from the end of divided government and the arrival of 123 new members, it is dimmed by possible rifts among Democrats, a threat of Republican Senate fili-

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delivering on its promise to end Washington's

Optimism was also tempered by the enormous tasks facing President-elect Bill Clinton and Congress. Stimulating the economy, reducing the delicit and overhauling the national health-care system are issues that likely will dominate the session and test the mettle of both

branches of government.

into warfare that croded public support. The opening business was largely ceremoni-

Also sworn in were Senator Bob Packwood, an Oregon Republican, and Paul Coverdell, Georgia Republican, who were seated "without prejudice" to challenges to their elections. A Florida Democrat, Alcee Hastings, was seated in the House, which in 1989 voted to impeach him as a federal judge on bribery charges. The Senate later removed him from office.

Legislation will not begin until after Mr. Clinton is inaugurated Jan. 20. He is expected to move first on the economy. He has indicated that his proposals for cutting health-care costs and assuring coverage for all Americans can be expected within 100 days of his inauguration.

In the two weeks before the inauguration,

Jewish Groups Remain Suspicious of Clinton's Line on Israel

By Thomas L. Friedman

New York Times Service WASHINGTON - A few hours after Bill Clinton nominated Warren M. Christopher to be his secretary of state, he called several Jewish senators to ask them to persuade leaders of Jewish groups to support the appointment, even though some were uncomfortable with Mr. Christopher's connection to Jimmy Carter's foreign policy.

The phone calls were part of the behind-the-scenes wrangling between the president-elect and Jewish leaders that has been going during the transition. Some Jewish groups, transition officials said, have been quietly complaining that Mr. Clinton has ap-pointed officials associated with women's, black and Hispanic causes to cabinet jobs, but not prominent members of the Jewish establishment.

Although they make up a much smaller percentage of the electorate than female, black or Hispanic voters, Jews donated about 60 percent of Mr. Chinton's noninstitutional campaign funds, and about 80 percent of Jewish voters cast their ballots for the Democrat.

The Jewish groups' disquiet was compounded when Mr. Clinton chose veterans of the Carter administration, such as Mr. Christopher, for virtually every top foreign policy position. Many Jewish organizations viewed that administration as excessively tough on Israel and naive about the Arabs.

Tarnoff to be undersecretary of state for political affairs, the No. 3 person in the State Department who is in charge of day-to-day management of the department and its bureaus.

Mr. Tarnoff, who is now president of the Council on Foreign Relations, served as executive secretary to Cyrus R. Vance when Mr. Vance was secretary of state in the Carter administration.

"I know there is concern out there - I know I have a problem out there." Mr. Clinton has told several prominent Jewish lawmakers in recent days. The lawmakers said that he told them that he intended to fix it by choosing some members of the Jewish establishment identified with pro-Israel causes to some subcab-

They said Mr. Clinton emphasized in these conversations that Mr. Christopher and W. Anthony Lake, the national security adviser-designate who is another Carter veteran, were friends of Israel's and that in any event he would be setting the tone and policies.

"That's all fine," said an executive of a major American Jewish organization. "But why is it that when it came to women's issues he didn't say, 'Don't worry about who is in the cabinet, Hillary will be at my side to represent you? And why is it when it came to appointing blacks he didn't say, 'Don't worry about cabinet posts. I have a lifelong record of civil rights

Moreover, Mr. Clinton is expected to name Peter activism? But when it comes to Jews in the cabinet National Committee, is also under consideration for that is what we hear."

Transition aides noted that two Jews had been named for the cabinet: Robert B. Reich as labor secretary and Zoe Baird as attorney general. But Jewish groups have privately complained to Mr. Clinton that neither has been identified with pro-Israel causes, the way Commerce Secretary-designate Ronald H. Brown has been with black issues or Housing Secretary-designate Henry G. Cisneros has been with Hispanic concerns.

The real worry of the Jewish groups, transition aides contend, is that their monopoly on representing Jewish positions is being broken. Many top aides of Mr. Clinton's - such as Sara Ehrman, community liaison adviser, Peter Edelman, legal affairs adviser for the transition, and Eli Segal, who was the campaign chief of staff - are associated with liberal Jewish groups such as Americans for Peace Now that have often been at odds with the traditional groups, which have been less inclined to criticize Israeli policy.

In an effort to defuse the tension, Mr. Clinton is considering the appointment of Richard Schifter, a former assistant secretary of state for human rights in the Bush administration, and Stuart E. Eizenstat, domestic policy adviser to President Carter, to senior

State Department posts. Lynn Cutler, deputy chairman of the Democratic peace treaty ever between Israel and Egypt.

an important subcabinet position. All are closely identified with mainstream Jewish organizations.

Mr. Eizenstat is being looked at for the post of undersecretary of state for International Security Affairs, which oversees arms sales, and Mr. Schifter is being considered for what is expected to be the new position of undersecretary for the promotion of

deтпостасу. "When you look at the people appointed to the top foreign policy jobs there is a lingering concern about Carterism," said Abraham Foxman, executive director of the Anti-Defamation League. "The Jewish community was disturbed and distressed about the Carter Middle East policy, because it was simplistic, preachy

and involved holding Israel to standards that were unreasonable given the neighborhood it lives in." There is "disquiet" about Mr. Clinton's foreign policy appointments to date, said Mr. Foxman, because "all of those who will be dealing with Israel

come from that background."

Friends said Mr. Christopher and Mr. Lake had told them they were baffled about the anxiety of some Jewish organizations over their appointments, since neither has any record of opposition to Israel, hostility to pro-Israel causes or even written about the Middle East, and the Carter administration with which they were associated was responsible for brokering the first

FRIENDS OF BILL'S: Down Home Television Team Behind the Camera for the Bill and Hillary Show

(Continued from page 1)

got out of hand," Harry says. "Designing Women" was the Thomasons' breakthrough. In an unusual move, Linda cast the show with Dixie Carter, Jean Smart, Annie, Potts and Delta Burke before she wrote it. It was not an instant success, and the Thomasons fought hard to keep it on the air. It wasn't the first issue-oriented sitcom nor the hardest hitting — but it had a distinctive premise and setting. Linda used it as a platform for many of her concerns -- political

or, more often, highly personal.

Then came the Delta Burke debacle. Ms. Burke claimed that Harry "screamed and yelled" at the cast, even threw things at them. Harry concedes that at one point he slipped out of a hospital bed and went to the set to quell "grousing" from the cast.

Once Ms. Burke opened fire, the Thomasons countered with a 12page rebuttal plus their own allegations about her work habits. And they decided: Delta had to go.

The Thomasons were able to make specific use of the Delta debacle during the dark days of Gennifer Flowers. They provided counsel and comfort to the Clintons, drawing on their own tabloid traumas. Harry says he and Linda simply repeated what Bill and Hillary Cinton had told them when they were tabloid fodder: "They said. We're public people. We understand this Ignore it."

nnion coma no longer ignore Ms. Flowers, says a campaign media adviser, Frank "WASHINGTON - Former Mayor Marion S. Barry got a rude Greer, the Thomasons helped the welcome back to politics: An hour after he reported for duty as a Washington City Council member, his car was stolen. The police found

Clintons through the ordeal. The Clintons and the Thomasons are as interconnected as laces in a shoe. Hillary suggested the name "Evening Shade." The Tho-masons have given the presidentelect's formerly wayward younger brother Roger a job as a production assistant on "Designing Women." Hillary's father had a cameo on "Hearts Afire" recently.

Among their most visible en-deavors, Linda created The Man From Hope" — a 14-minute bio-film that introduced Mr. Chaton in an immediate way to hope-starved delegates, hard-edged political op-eratives and stone-cold cynics from the press at the Democratic National Convention last July. The film is the kind of emotional but not-quite-mandlin presentation that is a trademark of Linda's work

The film conveys her vision of a mythic America. It incorporates black-and-white snapshots from a family album that dissolve into color footage as a narrator extols small-town America.

The "Man From Hope," in the view of campaign media strategist Mandy Grunwald, played a part in creating that crucial public sense that Mr. Clinton was not only a bythe-bootstraps guy but a guy who'd be right at home if he came to your barbecue -- which he might. Just a month earlier, Ms. Grunwald re-calls, Mr. Clinton's image had been at best nebulous.

Harry proved to be more than a veteran lights and camera man; he also was a strategist. He engineered Mr. Clinton's walk from Macy's to the convention hall the night before the acceptance speech. "Everybody told us we couldn't do it," says Mr. Greer. "Security would be a problem, Secret Service would be neryous, we couldn't make it down the street because crowds would be in

From the beginning, the Thomasons - Linda in particular - had



The television producers Harry Thomason and Linda Bloodworth-Thomason with Hillary and Bill Clinton at a private party in November in Pasadena, California.

ton's appearing in such pop-culture venues as "Arsenio." The idea wasn't entirely new. Back in 1988, after Mr. Clinton's disastrous speech at the Democratic convention, the Thomasons had the inspiration to get him on "The Tonight Show." When the producers balked at booking a politician, Harry re-

members, he promised that Mr. Clinton would play the saxophone

though he hadn't consulted him about the idea. Mr. Clinton wasn't enthusiastic. Harry says, but before he had a chance to object, Johnny Carson was on the air promoting the appearance. And it worked Mr. Clinton had a chance to be charming and self-deprecating, to

put the episode behind him.

The Thomasons' fingerprints have been all but wiped clean from certain aspects of image-molding during the campaign. Clinton han-dlers acknowledge that Linda was faxing one-liners throughout — but they squirm and evade when asked to come up with even one of her better offerings.

They get more uncomfortable still when asked about the hair and makeup consultations provided by the Thomasons, who sent professionals to help soften Hillary's look, for example, when she was facing the attack of the cookie-cut-

Bush Raises Pay Of Bureaucrats

Washington Past Service WASHINGTON - President George Bush, who once threatened to curb the pay of federal bureaucrats with a salary of more than \$75,000 a year, has approved an increase that gives them a 3.2-percent raise this week.

The president's action, in an executive order Wednesday, increased salaries for the 7,800 members of the Senior Executive Service, the government's top managers, and for top political appoin-

Under the new schedule, cabinet members will be paid \$148.400 a year, up from \$143,800. Pay for senior executives will jump to a minimum of \$92,900 from \$90,000. and their maximum pay goes to \$115,700 from \$112,100, Mr.

Harry later helped negotiate the Hollywood, he and Linda won't formats for the presidential debates - and coached the candidate on camera angles. After the inauguration, Harry Thomason says, he is going back to the television business - not that he ever left Even after Harry goes back to

stop caring about the issues. Linda has set up and funded a not-forprofit company-with Hillary on the board - to promote education for Ozark women and assist victims of spouse abuse.

And the Thomasons will express

their views to the president. They but keeping Mr. Clinton in touch supported intervention in Somalia. with the feelings of the — Amerifor example, and if Mr. Clinton can - people. had been president at decision time, Harry concedes. "We proba-bly would say, 'Boy, it's a sharne says. "We find we're usually pretty

bly would say, 'Boy, it's a shame those people are starving." Not lobbying in Harry's view

"I think he expects his friends much in sync with most of Ameri-

CLINTON'S FIRST 100 DAYS

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Rockwell's main goals in negotiations over a plea agreement, probably giving up millions of dollars in fines and additional convictions against the corporation and some executives. (NYT, AP, Reiders) been strong supporters of Mr. Clin-Bush's action was widely expected. Congress Opens, Its Optimism Tempered

By Helen Dewar and Eric Pianin WASHINGTON — Two months after vot-ers pumped new blood into the government at both ends of Pennsylvania Avenue, the 103d Congress convened Tuesday with the hope of

Moreover, there is a tendency to assume the best about a new administration, as many lawmakers did only four years ago before President George Bush and Congress locked themselves

at, including the swearing in of record numbers of women and unnorthes. Newcomers make up nearly a quarter of the 103d Congress, with 13 new members in the Senate and 110 in the House Four new women were sworn in at the Senate, bringing the total to six, including the first black, Carol Moseley Braun, an Illinois Democrat. In the House, the number of

Senate committees will conduct confirmation hearings for Mr. Clinton's cabinet nominees, and leaders of both houses will try to conclude other chores aimed at putting Congress in working order when Mr. Clinton takes over.

Ukraine Should Join In

The nuclear arms reduction treaty that George Bush brings home from Moscow carries over to a new president and goes to the Senate in circumstances promising unobstructed ratification. The fading of the Cold War had already eliminated the danger and fear of nuclear war. START-2 eliminates most of the weapons. Once put into effect, it will cut the Soviet and American strategic arsenals decoly and remove entirely the class of weapons — long-range multi-warhead missiles — on which the Kremlin's first-strike threat rests. In Washington all this is properly, almost unanimously welcomed as President Bush's last hurrah.

In Moscow, however, old-style Communists and older-style Russian nationalists in the parliament threaten ratification. Signing START, Boris Yeltsin dismissed its crities as a reactionary minority. He sought to move the treat; off the plane of strategic arithmetic, where the United States, which retains a first-strike capability, plainly comes out ahead, although it does not want to rub it in, Instead he set the treaty on the plane of the political and economic advantage that Russia reaps by forsaking strategic competition for domestic reform.

He is right and brave, but still the treaty could face heavy slogging. To help him move it along and in general to help him

advance reform, the United States must show Russians by aid, investment, trade and diplomacy that pursuit of democracy and a market economy pays. This is the path marked by Mr. Bush when he said to Mr. Yeltsin: "We seek no special advantage from Russia's transformation."

In Ukraine, Belarus and Kazakhstan, the complicating fact is that on becoming independent these states kept the old Soviet strategic nuclear weapons on their territory - although these weapons are not under their operational control. Other nations, properly alarmed at the prospect of proliferation by inheritance, have pressed the three to renounce nuclear status. Belarus and Kazalihsian are responding, but Ukraine, which remembers a difficult history with Mescow and nurses its own political ambitions, has been slow to come along.

The United States, under congressional prodeing, has stepped forward smartly to pies up the tab for Ukraine's nuclear dismanding. The West as a whole is trying to provide security guarantees and draw Uhrane mio a comforting compensators connection with Mr. Yeltsin is showing the way. Ukraine does not have an unlimited time in which to show its appreciation for this generous offer.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Environment President?

As governor of Arkansas, his record on the environment was fair to poor. As a presidential candidate he let Al Gore do most of the talking on environmental issues. Yet many hope that Bill Clinton will become the "environment president" George Bush promised to be but wasn't. It is more than a hope. It is a challenge.

No issue inspires more heat and hyperbole. No country spends more money -\$130 billion - and imposes more regulations to keep itself clean. But money and laws have not achieved consensus. America is swarming with green activists - and with energetic critics who believe that the cleanliness crusade exacts too great a tol! in jobs and economic growth.

Mr. Clinton's opportunity is to bridge the gap with sound policies, shrewd management and smart politics. That means ending bureaucratic turf wars, thereby enabling government to fulfill its historic role as custodian of the nation's natural resources. It means setting priorities that reflect real, not imagined, risks. It means sticking to well-articulated goals.

President Bush did none of these things. staining what began as a noble effort to atone for the eight lost years of Ronald Reagan, whose environmental views oscillated in a narrow band between indifference and hostility. Mr. Reagan hired Ann Burford not to run the Environmental Protection Agency but to gut it. He hired Donald Hodel as energy secretary. Mr. Hodel is chiefly remembered for suggesting that the way to deal with ozone depletion was to apply stronger suntan lotion.

Starting fresh, Mr. Bush named a respected environmentalist, William Reilly, to run the EPA. He strengthened the Clean air Act and committed the United States to phasing out ozone-destroying chemicals. He banned oil drilling in several sensuive ofishore areas for 10 years.

In time, however, the twin demons of recession and election-year politics turned him around. The trees and clean air he had once rhapsodized about became sinister obstacles to economic growth. With Dan Quayle as his point man, he invited business to undercut congressional mandates.

Mr. Bush tried to open the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge for oil drilling and permitted wasteful logging in the national forests. He was probably right not to be bulldozed into signing a costly global warming treaty based on incomplete science. But his cramped attitude toward the international Earth Summit in Rio de 1aneiro badly damaged his claim to globai leadership on environmental issues.

Mr. Reilly disappointed some of his old friends by not quitting. He chose to suffer and negotiate. He defeated John Sunum's efforts to weaken the Clean Air Act. saved Mr. Bush from reversing his pledge to protect the nation's wetlands from developers, drazged the president to Rio. On balance, the country is probably lucky he stayed.

So now Mr Clinton finds himself in the same masty political cauldron. So far he has done little to disappoint the environmentalists, who are delighted with his key appointments - Carol Browner at EPA and Bruce Babblit at Interior. He publicly differs with Mr. Bush on most issues. His energy strategy favors conservation and efficiency over production. He says he will protect forests and wetlands and urge reauthorization of the controversial Endangered Species Act.

He has also made it clear, however, that on one crucial issue - the heavy federal regulation favored by many environmentalists - he is keeping his own counsel. He agrees that industry, unregulated, rarely performs acts of spontaneous virtue. He agrees with Mr. Gore that regulation, properly conceived and applied, can force cleaner technologies without threatening profits or jobs. At the same time, he concedes that businessmen are easily disheartened by complex regulations. He also seems receptive to the notion that market forces - tax incentives to encourage energy efficiency, for example, or taxes that reflect hidden environmental costs - might produce the same environmental bang for fewer bucks.

All this suggests an open mind. It also suggests that Mr. Clinton has determined that he will never achieve his objectives unless he persuades people that environmental progress can yield social and techical benefits at least equal to the costs But first, of course, Clinton must perscade Ciinton that the environment really

does matter. This, after all, is a man who coursed the Arkansas poultry industry, a world-class polluter of that state's rivers and stream; a man who, by his own admission, winked at pollution to attract industry and jobs to a poor state. He now claims to have seen the tight. Inspired by Mr. Gore. he asserted bravely during the campaign that trading off the environment for jobs was a "false choice" -- that a cleaner America need not be poorer. That is hard to sell to Detroit and the oil companies, harder still to sell to the loggers in Oregon.

Felitically George Bush's way was the easier path. Bul Chaton's way is harder but there is originar promise at the end. If on!: he can see it.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Energy Policy Evolves

try will run out of energy. From the first oil crisis 19 years ago until the mid-1960s. energy policy was largely driven by that fear. Now it has been replaced by concern about the pollution generated by burning too much coal and oil. The anxiety about the damage to the environment may prove a more powerful force for conservation than the threat of shortages ever was.

The Energy Department was created in the aftermath of that oil shock to develop a national strategy for a time of scarcity that never developed, largely because people found ways to reduce their consumption. America today burns less oil than in 1973, when there were some 70 million fewer cars and trucks on the road, and one-third less electricity was being generated. Some of the drop in oil use happened because of public policy, and some was the public response to wildly unstable prices. Part was better engineering, and part, in the power plants, was the swing to more use of coal - which has sharpened the environmental concerns.

The Clinton administration will certainly have an energy policy, but the Energy De-partment will be only one player and perhaps not the leading one. The Environmental Protection Agency, the Treasury Depart-

ment, the Interior Department and several other agencies will have seats at the table. The department has had two strong secretaries, and both have found themselves spending enormous amounts of their own energy in the narrower reaches of their broad subject. For James Schlesinger, the first secretary, it was the long struggle over the deregulation of natural gas prices. (Last Thursday, New Year's Eve, the last vestige of the gas controls expired — the ultimate fragment of a huge legal system that over nearly four decades did great harm to the country's economy. It was the Carter administration, not its successors, that pushed the key de-

regulatory legislation through Congress.)
The outgoing secretary, James Watkins, has made the department a much more effective organization than he found it, and his greatest contribution has probably been the gigantic cleanup now under way at the sites where it built nuclear weapons. Bill Clinton's secretary-designate, Hazel O'Leary, is going to have to devote a lot of her time to the waste from the civilian reactors and where to dispose of it. When the country no longer has to worry much about supplies of energy, it gets increasingly uneasy about energy's by-products.

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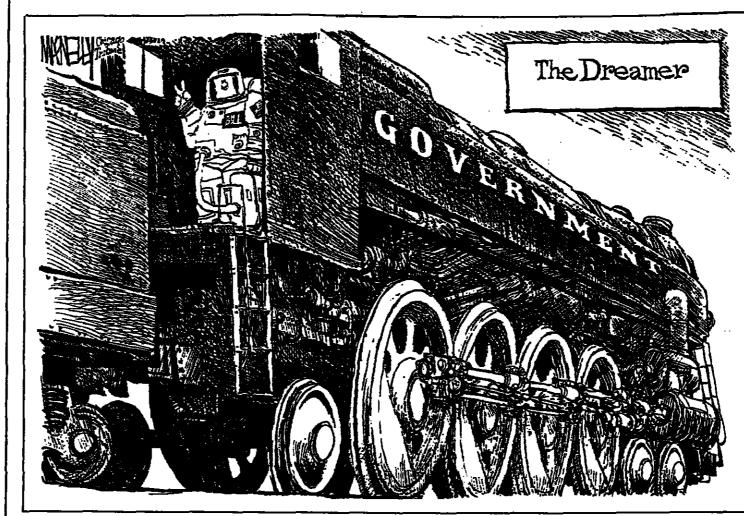
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Appeasing Beijing Is Self-Defeating for Hong Kong

By Robert Elegant

HONG KONG—A propaganda and psychological war is raging over the future of Hong Kong. The outcome will determine whether the colony that Britain promised, under duress, to hand over to China in 1997 will then thrive or decay.

Beijing is using weapons that range from the heavy artillery of blustering official statements to the small-arms fire of whispering campaigns and muttered threats. The opposition, fighting to save at least the hope of a semi-autonomous Hong Kong, is now backed by Chris Patten, the governor appointed by London, but its voice is being drowned out.

The press in London, Hong Kong and elsewhere has been bombarded with statements and letters contending that it is suicidal for Hong Kong to dely Beijing's threats by increas democratic representation in its gov-ernment. Ultimately, all arguments depend on the same premise: that Hong Kong is powerless to resist China's wishes and must not alienate Beijing further by vain self-defense.

That point was recently made explicit by Sir Percy Craddock, who orchestrated Britain's acquiescence to Chinese demands first as ambassador to Beijing and later as foreign policy adviser to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. Since no defense was possible. Sir Percy declared, London gave in gracefully to Beijing's demand that the entire colony must revert to China in 1997, regardless of treaty provisions. And Lon-don, he added, should also yield now.

Sir Percy did not, however, explain why that fundamental defeatism was never expressed in the past. Instead, it was concealed by a drumbeat of optimistic statements and an elaborately staged show of serious negotiation between London and Beijing to fix the institutions that would prevail in Hong Kong after June 30, 1997. The new chorus of defeatism is

made up of many voices. Lately these have included a number of people with non-Chinese names who describe themselves as small Hong Kong businessmen. Moreover, some of the biggest businessmen in Hong Kong, with and without Chinese names, contend that capitulation is the only possible policy. So do some professionals. Al-most all possess foreign passports or the wealth to acquire them. If post-1997 Hong Kong turns out to be dif-ferent from their confident predictions, they can simply get out.

The poor cannot. Significantly, many of them are in favor of resis-

tance, while, with characteristic Chinese practicality, they study Manda-

rin, Beijing's language.
The businessmen believe that there is still time for at least one more killing before 1997. And why not hang around afterward to see what the pickings are like? Some of the advocates of appeasement see a bright personal future for themselves. They are toadying to the Communists in the hope of appointment to high posi-tions after the takeover.

Regardless of their motives, all the appeasers sing the same song: Life will be fine after 1997, as long as we do not cross the Communists now. Anyway. the argument runs. China will be so changed by its own economic reforms by 1997 that Chinese policy toward Hong Kong will be beneficent.

But the appeasers are wrong. China has shown by its actions that it will be unable to avoid a gravely damagig intervention after 1997. Beijing has promised that the so-

cial and economic structure of Hong Kong will endure unchanged for at least 50 years. But the Communists made similar promises to the businessmen of Shanghai in 1949 — three years before they practically wrecked the city's economy.

Beijing has broken all its promises.

China was to be consulted but was not to interfere fundamentally in Hong Kong before 1997, but Beijing is trying to block construction of a badly needed airport as well as enlargement of container shipping facilities. The Chinese are building rival airports in neighboring Guangdong Province as if determined to undercut Hong Kong.

Lu Ping, Beijing's chief spokes-man on Hong Kong, has threatened to tear up all the elaborate agreements on the territory's government after 1997 if democracy is now enlarged. What other persuasion do the fainthearted need? China has, in effect, already invalidated its agreements and repudiated its promises.

The appeasers point out that China is becoming a semi-capitalist country with a relatively free market, stock exchanges and private enterprise. Hong Kong is playing a major role in that development. So, they say, Chi-

Hopes, Fears: Essays for a New Year

nist leadership will always sacrifice economic considerations to political imperatives. The Beijing massacre of 1989 occurred before the world's television cameras. Chinese troops were ordered to crush the democracy movement to keep a reactionary Communist regime in power, regardless of the

economic and image damage.
Yes, China has learned that a wholly state-run economy cannot work. But look how long it took to learn that lesson and how bitter was the process. The famines of the early 1960s, which killed some 20 million, rose from Chairman Mao's attemot to enact prosperity by declaration and ideological correctness. The Cultural Revolution later wreaked even greater damage. China's stubborn Communist lead-

ers learn only by hard example. That is why Hong Kong must continue to resist. Appeasement is self-defeating. Resistance may not be wholly effective but it has the better chance of success.

The writer, a novelist and former Asia correspondent for the Los Angeles Times and Newsweek, contributed this comment

na's self-interest will prevent damage to Hong Kong. But politics remains

The New York Times asked pupils in two of the city's environment. On the other hand, they could be wrong, chool districts to write about their hopes and fears.

Many of us do not live in the same neighborhoods school districts to write about their hopes and fears. Here are excerpts from a few of their essays.

Renita Lian 5th grade, Public School 98, Douglaston, Queens

Once when I was in this restaurant, I heard this couple saying, "Who would want to hire that lady? She speaks English with an accent." When I heard that I really felt bad deep in my heart. A lot of people in the United States speak with an accent and many of them are very intelligent. I think there should be a law against racism and anyone that gets caught should get sent to this really strict camp. This camp should be able to teach the racists how to accept all people.

David Koontharana

5th grade, Public School 213, Bayside, Queens I just hope the economy gets better because my dad owns a restaurant in Port Washington and people don't come because they don't have enough money to eat out.

Maria Martinez DeLuca

7th grade, Middle School 67, Little Neck, Queens

Not too many people really care about the future of the earth. They could be right when they assume that nothing worse could happen to the ozone layer or the

tors originated. We are sometimes taken to see these places of our past. The future might include a trip we take with our descendants to show them the old, battered neighborhood of the earth. Howard Chion

4th grade, Public School 203, Oakland Gardens, Queens O.K. What do I hope for in the future? Well, I hope that one day we'll be able to drive in cars that fly and make our lives easy! Ha! Without that much worrying (if you know what I mean). Like people don't have to worry if the earth is going to be destroyed.

I also hope that everybody would have good jobs

and would not be poor, etc., etc., etc. If the whole world would unite, there won't be wars in the future (except in Nintendo). One day we'll be able to communicate better and know each other's feelings. And, of course, you could just rest and not worry about groceries. But, you have to worry about your job. That's what I'm worrving about, and I hope I get a good one.

I also hope that we could go to Mars instead of Hawaii for vacation in the future, because people might get tired of those places. It's time to make pets talk.

I think it's time for a BIG change.

Much Iran-Contra Ado but No Big Fish in the Net

WASHINGTON — The Office of Independent Counsel — OIC to the in crowd - has been a great benefactor of the media as it picked through the garbage of the fran-contra affair during the past six years. Along the way, OIC and its aged leader, 80-year-old Lawrence Walsh, dropped many hints of great things to come: the impeachment or indictment of Ronald Reagan, the imprisonment of cabinet officers, the slaughter of top guns in the CIA.
This was the stuff of bold headlines

and great expectations. It inspired millions of words of copy and countless broadcast hours. But in the end not much has come of it. What we know today about iran-contra is what we knew live years ago at the conclusion of congressional hearings on the affair, nothing more. Mr. Walsh and his platoons of lawyers and FBI agents have booked no big fish.

Mr. Reagan, the inspirer and spiritual patron of the operation, lives out his good life on the West Coast, unindicted and unimpeached either for lack of evidence or lack of will at OIC.

The convictions of Oliver North and John Poindexter were invalidated by the courts because of the use of tainted evidence, an outcome that was not inevitable, according to Senator Warren Rudman, if Mr. Walsh had played his cards in a different way. Mr. North may wind up as Virginia's newest senator.

Plea bargains on misdemeanor counts extracted modest community service time for Robert McFarlane and Elliott Abrams, who was also fined \$50. But no one has done or will do iail time except the long-forgotten Thomas Clines, who got 16 months for income tax irregularities.

The much heralded prosecution of Clair George, the former "CIA spymaster," was an odd and singularly unealightening episode. It bankrupted

By Richard Harwood

him but left the issue in doubt. His involvement in Iran-contra was shown to be peripheral, and the case against him - lying or withholding information from Congress — was so marginal that it collapsed the first time around. A majority of jurors favored his acquittal on each of the nine counts. The press lost interest. There was no

daily coverage of the retrial by such lran-contra junkies as The New York Times and The Washington Post. But this time the OIC lawyers got a conviction by the skin of their teeth; Mr. George was acquitted on five of the seven counts in his indictment. Even that minor victory evaporated on Christmas Eve when George

Bush pardoned Mr. George and five others, including former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, who had yet to come to trial for withholding information from Congress.

For all that, it has been a good story for a long, long time, and there is a very faint possibility of a socko windup. Mr. Walsh has made the

president a "subject" for investigation. That has an ominous ring to it but may signify little more than Mr. Walsh's pique at the Bush pardons. Meantime, the press could clear up for the rest of us one of the mysteries of OIC: Who is Craig Gillen?

He has been a major actor for sever-al years in the affairs of OlC. The newspapers label him as Mr. Walsh's "chief prosecutor," as the "deputy independent counsel," as the "associate counsel" - in short, as the Number Two guy. That is all we know from the papers, except that he was once an assistant U.S. attorney in Atlanta and that a year ago Mr. Walsh told Legal Times, a Washington journal, that he had turned over to Mr. Gillen "deci-

sional authority" in OIC,

trial were impressed by Mr. Gillen's technical skills. He was the architect of the case - and of its technical flaws against Caspar Weinberger. But there are no extant profiles in the computers telling us about him - his family, his education, his career history, his tal-ents, his ambitions, his beliefs. The Wall Street Journal claimed in an editorial - with no supporting evidence - that Mr. Gillen's aim is to be the governor of his home state, Georgia,

and that OIC is merely a stepping-

Nothing else is readily available ex-

stone for that ambition.

cept a poison portrait of Mr. Gillen contained in an interesting but mandlin and self-serving memoir by Elliott Abrams on his travails with OIC. The book makes clear that Mr. Abrams and his wife, Rachel, do not dislike Craig Gillen; they hate him. If WASPs were not supposed to be immune from bigotry, one could easily accuse them of that social sin. In a letter to a friend, reprinted in the book, Rachel Abrams refers to him as "this specimen of [expletive] and compressed lips, this pretty-boy, blond, Georgia WASP, this loathsome little toady of Law-rence Walsh's." Other passages in the letter are unprintable and reflect the obsessive belief that Mr. Gillen is a grand inquisitor seeking fame by pursuing "this golden man, my prize Elliott Abrams. (She also pays her respects to the Fourth Estate, those "carrion-eaters of the press corps, who daily take their meals at the flesh of

the fallen mighty.")

If Craig Gillen can inspire such passions he must be an interesting man. He is also an important figure in these final days of OIC. Lawrence Walsh spends most of his time at home in Oklahoma City. Mr. Gillen appears to be the de facto chief of the operation now, its driving spirit, its

principal strategist. He will figure in any history of the Iran-contra case and its aftermath.

It is surprising that we know so little about him, surprising that he has retained his anonymity for so long. There are a lot of stories going around about his zealotry. The last act of the Office of Inde-

pendent Counsel in this affair will be the submission of a final report. It will be an important document affecting the reputations of many individuals and affecting, perhaps, future relations between Congress and the executive branch. Mr. Gillen will be one of its principal authors. Who is he?
The Washington Pest.

Ry Jack Healey and Maryam Elahi WASHINGTON — Suleyman Demirel promised in 1991. during his election campaign for prime minister, that "the walls of all

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police stations in Turkey will be made of glass." He vowed to end torture in his country. Today his promise lies shattered. Torture remains widespread and systematic, especially during the first few days of detention in police stations. With interrogations carried out in secrecy by police who are rarely if , ever prosecuted, it is no surprise that

deaths in custody continued in 1992. One such case is that of a 16-year-old Kurdish girl, Biseng Anik. She was among 100 people, mostly students, detained by Turkish police in the southeastern province of Sirnak in March. She died in police custody. When her mother went to collect the body, she found that half her daughter's head had been shot away, her hands were torn between the fingers, some fingers were broken, and her flesh was covered with burns and cuts.

According to the official version.

Biseng had not been tortured and hadf, killed herself with a rifle she found in her cell. Despite public outcries, no independent inquiry was ever initiated. The autopsy report was never released, and the family's request for

a second autopsy was refused. In a case in April, during a military operation in the southeastern province of Mardin, a group of soldiers dragged a 16-year-old boy out of his home between 4 and 5 A.M. The soldiers built a fire, and when it had burned down they laid the boy on the embers and held him down. The soldiers repeated this procedure five or six times before finally leaving him for dead. The boy was found by shepherds. Mi-

raculously, he survived.
On April 27, Nazli Top, a 23-yearold nurse, was detained in Istanbul as she was leaving the hospital where she worked. The police suspected her of having been involved in a terrorist attack. She was taken to a police station where she was tortured, event though she told them she was preg-nant. She said: "They punched me all over with fists, but especially in my stomach, breasts and belly. They raped me with a truncheon, and they raped the with a truncheon, and they tried to rape me with a bottle. In particular, they groped my stomach and said 'Are you pregnant?' and then punched me there."

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The government has not taken the minimal steps required under international law to saleguard all detainees and punish the violating officers. These are haunting images of Turkey a decade ago, when Mr. Demirel was also in power and gross violations of

human rights were taking place. The Turkish government justifies many of its human rights violations as necessary evils to combat attacks by the Kurdish Workers Party (PKK) in southeastern Turkey. Amnesty International does not contest the right of the government of Turkey to respond to violent assaults by violent organizations. But who protects citi-

zens from governmental violence?

Instead of working to comply with international law to honor basic human rights, Turkey has focused on improving its image abroad. It spends more than \$2 million a year on lobbyists in Washington, instead of conducting extensive training in human rights law for law enforcement officers and the judiciary.

And the abuses continue. The latest scandal is a judicial package passed by the National Assembly in November that is being presented to the international community as a "reform," though it provides no protection for political detainees who face the greatest risk of torture. The cries from behind closed doors

at Turkish police stations will stop haunting Turkey and the rest of the world only if Mr. Demirel finally honors his pledge to break down those doors and build walls of glass.

After a decade of dialogue, the light States need to recognize it. United States needs to re-examine its policy toward Turkey and prove to the Turkish people that adherence to basic principles of human rights remains a pillar of U.S. foreign policy.

Bill Clinton, the campaigner, de-clared that a principled, coherent and consistent foreign policy would guide Clinton administration. Let us hope for the sake of the people of Turkey that President Clinton's promises are less prone to breaking than were Prime Minister Demirel's.

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IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1893: A Prussian Threat

BILDSTOCK - The most serious development in the strikes in the Saar district is reported. This morning [Jan. 5] at ten o'clock 3,000 women held a meeting in the Workmen's Hall of this place. A meeting of women is contrary to law and the Burgo-master protested. A reply was sent by the women that if any man dared to interfere with them they would make short work of him by tearing him to pieces. Under the circumstances there was no interference.

1918: The Shawl Club

PARIS - The Shawl Club, which was organized by Mrs. W. A. Horning to make shawls for the needy women of France, has made its first report on the work accomplished, showing excellent results. Mrs. Horning called her friends together during their spare moments and the work has far exceeded all expectations in the number of shawls knitted. The

club now numbers twenty-five members, who have knitted 550 shawls. About 80 per cent of that number. have been knitted by the members of the club themselves while the rest has been made by paid workers.

1943: From the Caucasus. MOSCOW - [From our New York

edition: The Red Army has captured the key railroad towns of Prokhladnenski and Nalchik, in the Caucasus, and the Don River stronghold of Tsimlyansk, midway between Rostov and Stalingrad, in drives undermining the German position in southern Russin, a special communique said today [Jan. 6]. The high commands, announcing the triumphs, disclosed that the Russians were rapidly smashing the Germans back through the east-central Cancasus and the lower Don Valley. More than 11,000 Germans have been killed in the offensive moving northwestward through the Caucasus since Dec. 24, the bulletin said.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

An Island Inside Europe

The Swiss who voted "no" to joining the European Economic Area on Dec. 6 did not reject it because it would have placed Switzerland in a delicate transitional phase; they were rejecting the whole idea of Swiss participation in an

integrated Europe.

The reasons include the notion that neutrality, direct democracy and federalism — attributes so precious to the Swiss - would have to be abandoned on the altar of supernational institutions. The fear of losing the distinct Swiss identity was decisive. Switzerland rejected United Nations membership in 1986 on the same ground.

sein's goal of wiping out the Kurds. But it will allow more Kurds to live to see The consequences of the rejection of the treaty for Switzerland could be grave. Most immediately, the Swiss will not emoy the four freedoms - free exchange of capital, goods, services and

people with other European Area coun-

tries — that the treaty entails.
Unless the anti-integration trend is reversed, Switzerland will be increasingly isolated. The laws and regulations that will govern Europe into the next century will be decided without Bern's voice. Inevitably, the Swiss will have to follow the rules of the "European - but they will not be reap-

ing its benefits. LEONID M. TORTI. Center for Strategic and International Studies. Washington.

A Plea for Help

Our 19-year-old brain-damaged daughter, cared for in a Dutch institution, suffers from severe self-injurious behavior, which has worsened over the years. We have exhausted all known sources in our country in an attempt to

find adequate treatment. Somewhere there must be a recognized institution that has had success in treating similar cases, and which is willing to share its experience with us.

We are aware that your Letters sec-

tion is mainly dedicated to reaction to articles you have published, but we hope you make an exception in this case. Frankly, it is our last hope.

FRANS MILDERS. Bilthoven, Netherlands.

The Couples Is Fred

I was captivated by the headline "Couples to Play More in Europe" (Sports, Dec. 18). Shouldn't this more appropriately have appeared on the entertain page? Does this augur an EC-sponsored sexual revolution? Please advise.

JASON B. ALTER.

Suddenly, America's Aging Was Close Enough to Hurt

By Richard Reeves

N EW YORK — We reached the age. growing transfer of wealth from citizens quite suddenly, this holiday season clude visits to nursing homes. It was one of those moments, like a wedding or the birth of the first child, when you realize your life will never be the same.

In the last month of 1992, two women in our family -- a mother and an aunt.

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one 79, the other 92, both widowed decades ago -- decided (or their doctors did) that they could not make it alone any more in their small apartments. Neither would consider moving in with us or other "children." They were too proud and, truthfully, we were all making offers we prayed would not be accepted.

So, shuttling between the Upper West Side in Manhattan and Riverdale

in the Bronx, we became matriculating students in the morality and economics of aging in America. I am doing home-work on the implications of this change in our thinking and living -in terms of public policy, of private interests and of personal trauma in a time when people are living longer, and long bevond their productive years.

I begin with public policy and the numbers. Both of these great ladies are blessed with pensions earned by their late husbands. With Social Security, they have total incomes in the \$25,000-a-year range and total assets of \$50,000 to \$100,000. They are obviously not rich,

but they are far from being poverty-stricken, at least for the next few years. The nursing homes are fine as these things go. The annual bill for one will be close to \$80,000 a year, about half that for the other. The pensions and Social Security payments are turned over to the nursing homes. My mother's and aunt's personal assets will be used to make up the difference between the income and the home's charges — until those assets are used up, at which point Medicare will

make up the difference. So, multiplying these two cases by millions, this is part of a massive and

and government to the health-care inwhen the family routine began to inchoice in a country that chooses not to provide adequate resources to such concerns as prenatal care and public education. As a matter of public policy, we choose the old over the young.

Privately, in my family, we do a certain amount of intergenerational kid-ding about inheritance: "Yeah, kid, if you don't do what I tell you to do, you're out of the will." Now, I realize there is going to be no will

That is all part of the modern American screwing of the young. Kids pay for their own higher educations with loans. They will have to pay the national debt run up by old men named Reagan and Bush, and, I realize now, they will never get the house and other assets either because parents are living longer and turning those houses over to pay for care in the last years of life.

Now, about me personally. Walking through nursing homes between Christ-mas and New Year's this year, good ones, I am like many before me. shocked and depressed. This is a life?

The people I saw don't talk to each other, even in nursing homes in the top rank. (I know there are thousands of smelly hell-holes out there, warehouses for the economically useless.) They sit staring straight ahead — some periodical-ly yelling nonsense — watching, I sup-pose, a personal movie of their lives, reliving the good and the bad.

Do I want to end up that way? No! But perhaps I will. I remember a family Easter dinner a few years ago when we all talked strugly about "living wills" and said we would never want extraordinary measures to keep us alive. After a while, the oldest woman at the table, in her 80s, said: "You're all crazy. You'll want everything you can get to hang in there as long as possible — just like I do now." We had a Merry Christmas this year, but I have a feeling that I will spend a

great deal of time thinking about these things in a more sobering new year.

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GENERAL NEWS

convoys, would do it.

know he lost the war.

ainst the Kurds, those who survived

the flight into northern Iraq. They are

subject to constant military harassment.

and their lifelines of food and medicine

are being blocked.

The U.S. Congress has appropriated \$48 million for food and medicine. But

they have to come by way of Turkey

through roads controlled in part by Iraq.

guards in the area - not nearly enough

to protect the trucks from attack and

sabotage. So the Kurds suffer from a

double embargo — the UN's against Iraq and Saddam's against them.

They ask for help ingently. Warnings to Baghdad to stop ambushing the trucks or face air attack against Iraqi positions, plus helicopter cover for relief

That will not change Saddam Hus-

spring return to the mountains, and to

go on fighting the man who does not

The New York Times.

The United Nations has about 30

Case for a 'Closed' Universe? Satellite Uncovers Possible Proof of Theory

enough dark

Dr. Richard C.

Mashotzky of MSA

matter to support the idea that the

universe is closed.

By A. M. Rosenthal

N EW YORK — Pretty soon it will be two years since Saddam Hus-

sein lost the war against the United States and the coalition it put together. We all know he lost. The president of

the United States said so and anyway we

all saw it and read it. Some of us wrote it.

still in power, which is one way he knows

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his triumph. As George Bush says his

good-byes, Saddam reviews his troops, stands on the roof of his land and ones

Cory, revenge and Holy War unending For Saddam, as for all dictators, there

is one other way he can savor the victory of survival — killing all who ever opposed him, particularly his own country-

men. He has never stopped.
Why did President Bush allow Sad-

dam to remain in power, when he had him in his fist? The story that the Arabs

put on pressure to save him has not

been proved. Perhaps the Pentagon pressured him? How?

So, in want of any other demonstrable

reason, as always the simplest have to be

chosen. They are two: Mr. Bush lost his

nerve, or he thought an Iraqi officer would put a bullet into Saddam's head.

Perhaps the real reason is fuzzy even in Mr. Bush's mind by now. But there

are things we do know.

We know that Saddam, for years before the war, tried to wipe out the Kurd-

ish people and culture. Kurds are non-Arab Muslims who live in several Middle

Eastern countries, among them Iraq. Their come was that they would not

submit to Saddam. So he bombed them,

shelled them, gassed them. He put fire to thousands of their villages.

Judith Miller, in The New York Times

Magazine, reports on a mountain of evi-

dence gathered by Kurds. The documents

were brought to the United States by

them and by Middle East Watch of New York, with U.S. government help —

preparation for a war crimes trial.

But even without that evidence, the

West knew of the killing and pillage.

But Saddam does not know it. He is

By John Noble Wilford

New York Times Service PHOENIX, Arizona - An X-ray astronomy satelbe brought to a halt by its own mass.

There is not enough visible matter to halt the observed expansion of the universe. The Big Bang dark matter. Its presence has been deduced from the

astronomers have failed to turn up evidence for anything like as much "dark" matter as the theory requires. After the results reported on Monday, however, at least one part of the universe has as much dark matter as predicted, and astronomers can now hope to find others. Success would mean the universe is not open, meaning destined to expand forever, but closed. In a

closed universe, the gravitational force of its matter is enough to match or exceed the outward force of its expansion. The observations, reported at a

meeting of the American Astro-nomical Society, supported theories that most of the universe is composed of invisible immense cloud of hot gas amid them. material of an unknown kind. Analysis of the data indicated that the mass of that "dark matter" might be as much as 25 times greater than that of ordinary matter, the elemental stuff of visible stars, planets and

One of the astronomers who made the discovery, Richard F. Mushotzky of the National Aeronautic and Space Administration's Goddard Space Fight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland, said, "It's the first time there is evidence of enough dark matter to sup-

port the idea that the universe is closed." Jack Burnes, a cosmologist at New Mexico State
University in Las Cruces, said the discovery was "very
important and fundamental." Like the discoverers important and fundamental." Like the discoverers important and fundamental. Like the discoverers themselves, he cautioned that more observations themselves are the cautioned that more observations the cautions are the cautioned that more observations the caution of the caution o themselves, he cannoned that make whether the would have to be made to determine whether the would have to be made to determine whether the pandora's box and we'll have to understand what findings were typical of conditions throughout the

Cosmologists have contemplated two alternatives to a closed universe. If there turns out to be much less mass, the universe might be open and keep on expandlite has discovered the first strong evidence that the ing, diminishing into infinity; or with considerably universe may not expand forever, but someday could more mass, the universe might be dragged to a halt and then collapse, in what is described as the Big Crunch. For years, scientists have postulated the existence of

theory of the universe's formation predicts that most relative amounts of light elements and isotopes pro of its matter should be in invisible form, but so far duced by the Big Bang and from the movements of galaxies in clusters, suggesting the gravitational forces of considerably more mass than could be seen. Be-'It's the first time sides, the leading versions of Big Bang theory, to be correct, require there is evidence of that 90 to 95 percent of the cosmic

mass must be in the "dark" form. The Roentgen Satellite, called Rosat and operated by Britain, Germany and the United States, did not directly observe dark matter, which by its nature does not emit detectable radiations. The presence of the matter was inferred from what the scientist did see in X-ray pictures from the satellite. The pictures of the three galaxies

of the NGC 2300 group revealed an "A cloud like this would have dissipated into space long ago, leaving nothing for us to detect, unless it was held together by the gravity of an immense mass," Mr. Mushotzky said. "The mass required to restrain the cloud is 12 to 25 times greater than the mass of the

three galaxies that are present." In previous observations, mainly of much larger galactic clusters, the detected ratio of dark matter to visible matter was no more than 2 or 3 to 1 — hardly

enough, if widespread, to close the universe. The question, then, is how typical is the mass of dark matter inferred to in a small group of galaxies like NGC 2300?



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Mulroney, as Election Nears, Prunes His Cabinet and Spotlights a Woman

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches OTTAWA - Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, trying to project the image of a leaner government in hard economic times, has reduced the number of cabinet posts to 35 from 39 as he enters an election year. He himsed that he would make

further cabinet changes. He has also appointed a woman for the first time as defense minister. She is Kim Campbell, who won widespread praise for her handling of the Justice Ministry. She succeeds Marcel Masse, who is to re-

Observers say she might seek the leadership of the Conservative Par-

ty if Mr. Mulroney retires. Removed from the cabinet were Mr. Masse, Energy Minister Jake Epp, Secretary of State Robert de Corret and Veterans Affairs Minister Gerald Merrithew, Mr. de Cotret had recommended shrinking the cabinet by merging some de-partments and eliminating others. The new minister of justice is Pierre Rhis, previously the minister

of corporate and consumer affairs. "I believe there will be another structural shuffle before the next election," Mr. Mulroney said, "but

this was an important moment to make these changes."

The reshuffle on Monday came
as Mr. Mulroney's Conservative

at about 20 percent.

The prime minister has said retor of the Institute for Social Secu-

peatedly that he will lead his Conservative Party into the next election, but analysts said the shuffle mines and state firms. The post gave no clear indication of whether oversees the key oil sector in the country, a leading producer of pe-

The Conservatives under Mr. Mulroney first formed a govern- these three could be in a position to ment in September 1984 and were aspire to the presidency," a presire-elected in 1988. But the government has fallen sharply in popular-ment has fallen sharply in popularity polls as the economy has weak- tion is in July 1994, and the constiened during the recession.

A Shake-up in Mexico

ines, promoting three politicians the Interior Ministry post, and that seen as possible successors, Reuters it had strengthened the chances of reported from Mexico City. reported from Mexico City.

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The shuffle occurred Monday at

the start of a key political year in Donaldo Colosio. which Mr. Salinas, if he follows tradition, will chose a cabinet minister to succeed him from within

the ruling Institutional Revolution-He named José Patrocinio Gonary Party.

government enters its last year with ment's National Commission on most polls showing his popularity Human Rights, as attorney general. "It will be said, validly, that

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(Reuters, AP) ning for a second six-year term. Analysts said that the cabinet reshulfle was a blow to Mayor Ma-President Carlos Salinas de Gornuel Camacho Solis of Mexico tari of Mexico has shuffled his cab

Missourian Seeks Party Post

The Associated Press WASHINGTON - Governor zález, governor of Chiapas state in John D. Ashcroft of Missouri anzarez, governo, as interior minis nounced on Tuesday his candidacy southern Mexico, as interior minis ter. He also named Jorge Carpizo for the chairmanship of the Repub-MacGregor, head of the govern- lican National Committee.



Russia to Control **Some Food Prices**

By Eleanor Randolph

MOSCOW - Russia's new conservative prime minister. Viktor S. Chernomyrdin, on Tuesday took his first step toward imposing more state control on prices of basic food products, including bread, milk and baby formula.

Mr. Chernomyrdin's resolution, which Interfax press agency said was signed New Year's Eve, was designed to curb soaring inflation that has plagued the economy in the last year as Russia moved toward free market prices. With recent inflation rates reported at 20 to 40 percent monthly. Russian wage-earners have found themselves unable to cope with what one writer called the "free-fall in living

And although some Russian economists saw the action as a dramatic step backward to the com-mand economy of the Soviet past. others suggested that it was an adjustment of the so-called shock therapy changes of the last year.

Vladimir Safonov, deputy head of the state price committee, told Reuters the order was "a very mild and Serible interference into the prime minister."

The resolution appeared to centralize price regulations in the Kremlin, thus taking away the authority to control prices on food products from local communities. Some analysts said that the new regulation appeared to be designed to make the food industries more like huge Soviet-built monopolies

such as steel, coal and oil which are

heavily controlled by the state. The resolution would also cut the allowed company profits from 20 percent to 15 percent for bread, flour and other products, but it was unclear whether such an action would lower prices for customers or allow the government to take extra profits for taxes.

One economic analyst, Mikhail Leontiev, said that instead of stabilizing prices, these new efforts at control could mean that these products, especially meat, "could just disappear, return to the black market.

"This is a crime." Mr. Leontiev said. "It is just a first step to undo the reforms of the past year. Chernomyrdin simply itched to show the people that he was a popular



ACROBATIC CHARACTER — A Tokyo schoolgirl balancing carefully as she made her her calligraphy sample letter perfect during the annual New Year's contest for youngsters Tuesday in Tokyo's Budokan Hall. All works will be exhibited in February.

IRAQ: Missile Relocation Reported

(Continued from page 1) already in the south, a government

official said. The movement of the missiles is seen by U.S. experts as an attempt to confound intelligence monitoring of missiles in the south. A Pentagon official said that some of the southern missiles had been moved closer to the 32d parallel in a possible effort to protect Iraqi planes that skirt the zone.

This official said the movement of the missiles was not in itself a violation of any allied restriction. But he said that if the missiles were deemed by the United States to be a threat to its enforcement of the no-flight zone, it might take military action.

The officials said the Iraqis had also stationed missiles just north of the 32d parallel, and had recently sent additional MiGs to their air base at Al Jarrah, north of the 32d parallel but close to the no-flight

In the north, Iraq has deployed a large number of ground troops near the Kurdish enclave. Although Baghdad has described the deployment as part of an exercise, U.S. officials see it as an effort to midate the Kurds.

In other moves that have stirred concern, Iraq has sought to hide documents from UN weapons inspectors and has delayed moving General Dynamics Corp.

police posts from territory that a UN commission has determined

belongs to Kuwait. During his recent visit to Marines in Somalia, President George Bush said he thought that Mr. Saddam was still intent on testing Western resolve, despite the downing of the Iraqi MiG-25. Saddam Hussein is testing something," Mr. Bush said. "I don't know whether

ton. [In Little Rock, Arkansas, Mr. Clinion's spokesman, George Stephanopoulos, was asked whether the president-elect was worried about the missiles. "I think Saddam should take no comfort in the fact that Bill Clinton is heading toward the presidency," he said.]

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\$4.5 Billion Tank Deal 🕊 For U.S. and Kuwait

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration said Tuesday that it planned to sell \$4.5 billion worth of M-1A2 battle tanks and other military equipment to Kuwait in a continuing drive to aid friendly Arab

states in the Middle East. Most of the money would be for 256 of the frontline tanks, made by

U.S. Should Lead, Not Police, Bush Says

By Paul F. Horvitz International Herald Tribane

WASHINGTON - President George Bush, in a farewell address on the military, said Tuesday that U.S. leadership was essential in a still unsettled world but cautioned that the United States could not be

"the world's policeman." As the only remaining superpower. Mr. Bush said, "it is the role of the United States to marshal its

Malaysia Attacks Smoking

KUALA LUMPUR -- Cigarette vendors could be imprisoned for up to two years for selling cigarettes to Malaysians under age 18 starting March 1. Health Minister Lee Kim Sai said. Persons under that age will be banned from smoking, possessing, buying or selling

moral and material resources to promote a democratic peace."

The president also renewed his vision of a "new world order" that stresses democracy and economic freedom, and he said he was passing along to his successor, Bill Clinton, a U.S. military that is "second to none.

Mr. Bush chose the U.S. Military Academy, in West Point, New York, to deliver a farewell address to 4,200 cheering cadets. In a similar address last month at Texas A&M University, Mr. Bush argued that the United States must remain fully engaged in world affairs and exert its influence and moral leadership on behalf of democracy and

The speech Tuesday broke little new ground and offered few insights into Mr. Bush's prescription for the use of U.S. force abroad. Every case is unique, he said, adding that costs and benefits must be

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sought and sharing of the financial burdens demanded.

The president recalled U.S. military efforts in Iraq, Panama and Somalia, and he defended his reluctance in the past year to engage U.S. troops in Bosnia. He said, however, that the situation in the former Yugoslavia could yet demand U.S. military attention.

The president, who leaves office on Jan. 20, told the cadets that, despite the end of the East-West confrontation, there were "disturbing signs of what this new world could become if we are passive and

"We would risk the emergence of a world characterized by violence," he added, "characterized by chaos, one in which dictators and tyrants threaten their neighbors, build arsenals brimming with weapons of mass destruction and ignore the welfare of their own men, women and children.

Terrorism could also increase,

To avoid these threats, the United States should lead the way to "a new world order," he said, invoking

a phrase he employed after the Gulf War. That order envisioned "governments that are democratic, tolerant and economically free at home and committed abroad to settling inevitable difference peacefulwithout the threat or use of force," he said.

He said U.S. leadership abroad must not be based on unilateralism or what he called universalism.

"We need not respond by ourselves to each and every outrage of violence," Mr. Bush warned. "The United States should not seek to be the world's policeman.

We would exhaust ourselves in the process," he added. "It is our responsibility, it is our opportunity to lead. There is no one else."

The president praised the all-volunteer military, saying it was one of the nation's "true success stories."

Israel Defends Ousters After UN's Warning

JERUSALEM - Israel said Tuesday it stood behind its decision to expel 415 Palestinians to Lebanon despite a threat by the UN secretarygeneral to press for further steps to ensure their return.

An Israeli spokesman said Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin told Butros Butros Ghali he would welcome a visit this week by a United Nations enyoy, the second in two weeks.

Mr. Butros Ghali told the Security Council that he may have to recommend "further steps" should the new mission fail to secure the return of the deportees, as demanded by a

"The policy of the govern-ment of Israei," a Defense Ministry spokesman said. "is that the act of removal was used in order to protect Israelis as well as Palestinians.

Israel expelled the Palestin-ians Dec. 17 for alleged links to Islamic fundamentalist groups that killed five Israeli soldiers as well as Palestinians suspected of collaborating with Israel.

Including:

LABOR: **IRAN:** Debate on Chemical Plant **Bucking Tide**

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retire at 60 or earlier. There are

more than 200,000 foreigners with

short-term work permits in Singa-

pore in a total labor force of 1.5

million. Nearly all the permit hold-

ers are unskilled or semi-skilled

(Continued from page 1) said it would embarrass the govern-

ment and undermine Washington's diplomatic effort to persuade European countries not to sell large chemical factories and other sophisticated technology to Iran be-cause of its pursuit of weapons of mass destruction.

Iran already has "an active

The government is trying to rechemical weapons program and it makes no bones about its right to chemical weapons," the director of the CIA, Robert M. Gates, warned duce this dependence on the grounds that it could reduce pressure to modernize the economy and in a speech last month. He did not lead to social tension. In recent years, companies in say whether Iran's arsenal of poi-Singapore have automated their son gases included hydrogen cya-

operations and moved labor-intennide, an agent that chokes those sive operations to other nations in exposed to it. Mr. Gates and other U.S. offi-Since 1937, the government has introduced a range of tax and other cials have also said that that Iran is trying to acquire nuclear weapons, incentives to encourage marriage and childbearing to offset a sharp improve its missile arsenal and generally rebuild its military strength

following a debilitating eight-year war with Iraq, which ended in 1988. Several administration officials said BP America's application for an export license was expected to be discussed this week at a meeting of senior government officials from terparts in having small families to

several agencies. But another official said the meeting to be chaired by an official of the National Security Council, would not take up the chemical

Corp. of Albany, Georgia, to self-lran 10 airplanes worth 57 million and designed to spray chemical pesticides on agricultural crops.

Proponents of the plant's sale note that there are presently no controls on international sales of hydrogen cyanide. A draft global treaty to eliminate the threat of chemical warfare, now in the final stages of negotiation, would require only that anyone seeking to buy hydrogen cyanide pledge not to divert it to military uses.

BP America declined to comment on the proposed export.

Fred P. Ayres, president of Ayres Corp., confirmed his compa-ny's proposed sale and said in a telephone interview that the planes were the first portion of a deal that could eventually include several hundred aircraft.

Mr. Ayres also said there was no evidence that Iran had attempted to misuse 20 Ayres crop-dusting planes sold to Tehran in 1975, before an embargo on sales of aircraft during the Iran-Iraq War.

The U.S. intelligence community has concluded that the planes pose little military risk because they could be readily shot down in combat, officials said.

But State Department officials who oppose the sale have argued plant export. Also said to be on the that Iran might use the planes with agenda was an unrelated but con-scant regard for pilot safety to gas troversial proposal by the Ayres its own people.

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'90s Rock: A Mess, but Not Bad

By Jon Pareles New York Times Service

EW YORK - There was no reason to think that popular music would survive the 1980s with a shred of dignity or intelligence.

Increasingly distant from its roots, swallowed by ever-expanding media conglomerates, upstaged by video imagery and mar-keted with unrelenting repetition. rock could easily have become as glittery, superficial and disposable as other consumer products. But despite — and sometimes

because of - those changes, as 1993 begins, it is clear that the early 1990s have brought better popular music than anyone might have expected. Rock of the 1990s is shaping up

as a polymorphous mess - dozens of categories and subgenres and recombinations - with a core of genuine innovation and surprising seriousness

The best 1990s rock (a term I'll use to encompass hip-hop, dance music and the rest of the mess) often rejects prettiness, but it has the severe beauty of passion inventing its own structures. It also has the kind of visceral kick that puts bodies in motion and demands a reaction, the way rock

Bands like Nirvana, Arrested Development, My Bloody Valentine and Nine Inch Nails defy the aesthetics of the baby boomers who have dominated rock for a generation.

The standard lineup for a rock band — guitars, bass, drums, maybe keyboard — is now up for grabs, challenged by the virtual realities of computerized sounds and subverted by guitar bands that play distortion instead of

True to the music's punk and hip-hop heritage, nothing else can be taken for granted, either: not the song forms of Tin Pan Alley or even Motown, not seductive sounds, not clarity.

For better and worse, the music is rootless; even the current popularity of country music boomers' last chance to enjoy melodies and straightforward storytelling — looks back only as far as the Eagles and Linda Ronstadt, relying more on synthesiz-

ers than on fiddle. To some listeners, all those changes mean that rock has lost touch with eternal venties derived from the blues, gospel and honky-tonk.

Rock's job, however, is not to



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preserve continuity with the past but to empathize with the prethe maybem and misdirection, as singers and rappers mull over sent: it's supposed to shake community, sexuality, private things up. to blast away evasions fears and public interests, getting and find a direct expression of the moment. Forward-looking 1990s into details with rap, venturing obliquely into unexpected areas rock does that, restoring an honwith rock. It's music for an era of esty and fervor that too much too much information and too 1980s rock glossed over. little truthfulness. The glossy, meticulously cali-brated images of 1980s pop stars

Instead of trying to project sincerity, new 1990s rock assumes a world of artifice, then chooses carefully among postures, from the slackers of collegiate rock to the sexual supermen of dance-

It's hyperspecialized, with some dance music that's little more than a rhythm track and some songs that dissolve into pure atmosphere; it usually prefers a good beat to a good tune. sometimes to any tune at all. The music is guarded rather

than open, noisy rather than lucid, angry and cynical rather than hopeful or moralistic; it uses abrasion, diversionary tactics and irony to keep outsiders from getting too close.

Yet a startling frankness, only occasionally exploited for simple shock value, often hides within

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To stare down the demons of drug addiction, Alice in Chains reworks 1970s hard rock with irregular meters and bleak dissonances on its album "Dirt." Nine Inch Nails' frantic, brutal songs on "Broken" simultaneously lash out at tormentors and torture themselves.

The pendulum is swinging away from plushness and prettiness, inviting projects like P. J. Harvey's "Dry," an album re-corded for \$5,000. On it, Polly Jean Harvey's arrangements swerve within seconds from musing to assault.

"Dry" is only one among scores of cheaply made, substan-tial albums that would sound far worse if they were made more "professionally." Both punk and hip-hop brought a do-it-yourself attitude to rock, and a large audience is happy with unvarnished productions, even if that just means Eric Clapton's "Un-

plugged."
Music from the margins has grown more important as the popular music audience has fragmented by age, geography, class and inclination.

Entertainment moguls can still score blockbusters with heavily marketed movie tie-ins and, away from the coasts, with good-hearted Garth Brooks. But they bemoan the absence of across-theboard hit-makers like the Beatles in the 1960s or Michael Jackson

HE advances of 1990s rock arrive with drawbacks. Careers are short, audiences flighty; cults sometimes abandon their favorites as soon as the rest of the world catches on. As the buying public subdivides, the 10i-selling albums that supported chancier releases are much have gone out of style, as if audiharder to come up with; in the ences suddenly grew tired of per-formers so sharply focused that there was nothing left to imagine 1990s, superstars are learning to be happy with American sales of 4 or 5 million.

Will the current burst of cre-New groups, weaned on camativity last? Good things rarely corders and computer icons, are do. The music business has more cunning about video and learned to ferret out formulas and media spectacle than previous reduplicate them until long after generations were, and more jaded their usefulness has faded; innoand self-conscious after a decade vations will be annealed into of MTV: they hide behind obgenres and record-company diviscure lighting, smoke, odd camsions and, eventually, radio for-

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By Sheridan Morley nternational Herald Tribuni

ONDON - First published almost a century ago, and thrice filmed. An-thony Hope's "The Prisoner of Zenda" comes back to us in a spiendid new stage adaptation written and directed by Matthew Francis for his Greenwich Theatre. Set in the mythical state of Ruritania, itself the invention of hope, this is a long-overdue return to a whole lost world of snobber, with violence. "Zenda" still has everything that once gladdened the hearts of Douglas Fairbanks père

From its outset ("The king is dying, unimpressively at Zenda") we know exactly in which time-warp we are to be entertained and enthralled. Swashes will be buckled or buckles swashed, windows will be treacherous, damsels are distressed, and entire decades of history hilariously compressed. "Zulus, suffrageties and a man crossing the channel in a balloon: What can it all mean?

What it means, of course, is a rattling good yarn, "Zenda" has its resonances everywhere from Mayerling to the 1936 abdication, and its plot is shamelessly lifted from Mark Twain's "The Prince and the Pauper." Here it is David Haig doing the double as the weak new Ruritanian king and the dashing English country gentleman sent out to take his place at the

of Black Michael and Rupert of Hentzau, played as a superbly sadomasochistic couple of heavies by Nicholas Gecks and Mark Lockyer. As both writer and director, Francis has a brilliant sense of the period. A certain knowing mockery of high-camp conventions is never allowed to degenerate into parody, and the

result is a joyous holiday treat that the Green-LONDON THEATER

wich would be wise to make an annual part of their repertoire.

Despite long and triumphant runs on broadvay (with Jim Dale) and in the West End (with Michael Crawford) a decade or so ago. Cy Coleman's "Barman" has always been a musical with problems, and most of these are cruelly exposed in a new roadshow revival with Paul Nicholas which is playing a winter season at the

In the first place, there are still some indications through the score (in such numbers as "Black and White," which must now be largely incomprehensible to anyone without a working knowledge of Barnum's catastrophic desire to be a lown planner; that what was originally intended was a more faithful and therefore complex reflection of the great showman's often uneasy life. But such ambitions soon got lost in the stunting, and biographical details are new not so much sketchy as largely invisible.

As a result, the show hangs on its circus routines and the personality of its star: the one we have here is Paul Nicholas, an amiable. hardworking, cheery chap who has somewhere suffered a fatal charisma bypass. As a result this once great sawdust singulong is reduced to series of stage-management spectaculars, all of which are looking a little tired and tacky after

several months on the road.
First staged in 1951, drastically rewritten by the author in 1962 and made into an opera five years later, John Whiting's "A Penny For A Song has always been one of the great lost curiosities of the postwar British theater. a weird and wondrous mix of Shaw's "Heart-break House" and J. M. Barrie's "Mary Rose" set in a small community at the time of the Napoléonic Wars.

Sam Walters now brings it back to his Orange Tree, Richmond, in a production which explains why actors and directors have always loved the piece, and why actors and audiences have usually failed to share their enthusiasm for it. First written to coincide with the Festival of Britain (its designer was also Rowland Emmett), "A Penny For A Song" is a hugely eccentric parable about war and peace, innocence and virtue, history and politics, through which shines Whiting's quirky, poetic talent but also his curious inability to generate real dramatic passion or plot.

The result is a mishmash of historical jokes and personal curiosities.

Czech Philharmonic at Crossroads

By John Rockwell New York Times Service

RAGUE - Like the Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra in Germany under Kurt Masur, the Czech Philharmonic played a stirring symbolic role in its country's "Velvet Revolution" in 1989. By taking a stand for peaceful change, and by playing key concerts at great turning points in Czechoslovak history, the orchestra. already the country's best-known

musical institution, became a beacon for political liberty, as well. But now, with the country divid-

ed at the turn of the year and the harsh realities of capitalism everywhere felt, the Czech Philharmonic has fallen on perilous times. Still arguably the linest orchestra in Eastern Europe - except perhaps for the St. Petersburg Philharmonic — it finds itself no longer universally beloved.

Instead, it has stumbled into fractious internal squabbling. It has no firm leadership from either a music director or an administrative director. And it is struggling to meet vasily increased expenses.

In the fall of 1991, exercising their heady, newly won right to elect their leaders freely, the musicians chose not to renew the contract of Jin Belofilayek, the bestknown Czech conductor of his generation, as music director. In his place they selected the German conductor Gere Albrecht, who because of his commitments to the Hamburg State Opera cannot assume his Prague post until 1994.

The orchestra expected Belohlarek — who declined to be interviewed for this article — to be a good soldier and stay on until Albrecht's arrival, Instead, he resigned in a huff early in 1992, although he continues to conduct and record with the orchestra.

The veteran Vaciav Neumann was then expected to bridge the eap, but he has been slowed by a stroke. In the meantime, the orchestra's manager, Jaroslav Tursky, who was better known as an organist than an administrator. was asked to resign this fall, leaving the orchestra leaderless on that front, as well,

All this unsettling change comes at a critical time in the orchestra's history. Not only is all of Eastern Europe converting to capitalism, requiring new skills and expertise, but the orchestra has also taken possession of its newly refurbished home, the gorgeous Rudolfinum, which reopened with gala festivities on May 14.

The division of Czechoslovakia poses no particular threat of dis-ruption. Of the orchestra's 120 members -all but two harpists are men - 119 are Czechs or Moravians, who are citizens of the new Czech Republic.

The problem with the Rudolfinum is that while the state paid for its refurbishment, it has provided no additional subsidy for its maintenance and day-to-day operations. Operational costs are supposed to

chestra, unused to administrative just want mone matters, has found it difficult to devise a strategy compatible with its minister of culture responsible for meet its financial needs.

sip seems endemic, everyone has a strong opinion about these issues. To start with, the vote to unseat Belohlavek was apparently close — 55 percent to 45 percent -- said

Prague Symphony, which is the city's second-ranked orchestra. Belohlavek was considered autocratic by some, while Albrecht's foes suggested that he had been chosen simply because he was a

tours and recording contracts. Aside from personalities and gossip, the choice for music director hinged on a deeper philosophi-

No longer universally beloved. the orchestra is beset by problems.

cal issue. The Czech Philharmonic, founded in 1901, is prized in the West for its skills in Czech reper-

With the collapse of the Iron Curtain, there were those in the orchestra who wanted to prove that the Czech Philharmonic was a true international orchestra on a par with its peers in major Western cities.

The Czech Philharmonic was fighting against traditional nationalism," said Belor. "Nationalism has no place in culture." Although Albrecht's champions

defend him - "Albrecht is a big lover and expert in Czech music." said Radomir Pivoda, the first flutist and a member of the ruling, sevenplayer orchestra committee has not yet proven himself a sure exponent of Czech music. Nor is he a proven exponent of Western classics, a sellable commodity on the international touring and recording market. Belohlavek's partisans remain convinced that the orchestra chose Albrecht purely on the basis of personal greed.

There have been lots of new members in the last two or three years," said Zuzana Ruzickova, a veteran Prague harpsichordist. "They have no idea of the great

be covered by rentals. But the or- traditions of the orchestra. They Even Michal Prokop, the deputy

high-art reputation and adequate to the arts, hinted that he had doubts about Albrecht, "My personal feel-This being Prague, a small town ing - and some members of the in which sometimes corrosive gos- orchestra feel the same — is that certain steps they have taken have lost them some prospects," he said. There are those who find it diffi-

cult to muster much sympathy for the Philharmonic's financial tra-Roman Belor, the manager of the vails. After all, this is an orchestra known in the West that can tour as much as it wants (two to three months a year, on average) and win Western sponsorship denied to lesser-known Czech ensembles. (Czech sponsorship is still curtailed Westerner, and could therefore because, as in Russia, the tax laws provide better access to Western do not favor corporate philanthropv.) It is also still the best-subsidized Czech musical institution, at some \$5 million annually, a figure that accounts for 40 percent of overall expenses.

But without sophisticated leadership, the Philharmonic is finding it hard to chart a sure course. Part of the problem comes from an inadequate pool of managerial talent in the new Czech republic.

For some, the Czech Philharmonic's problems relate to the Czechs' more general difficulties in coming to terms with their newly won liberties. "We have a lot to learn, to understand the limits of freedom, that it has its own rules." said Ruzickova

HE orchestra would like to keep control of the Rudolfinum, since if properly managed it could generate considerable income as well as secure the orchestra first crack at dates in the hall, "Our ideal would be to retain the hall in our hands," said Petr Maresh, a second violinist and a member of the orchestra committee.

But eventually, said Prokop, the deputy minister of culture, the orchestra is likely to lose direct control of the hall "The ministry has invited an in-

dependent consultant from the Netherlands to examine the situation," he said, "Right now, it seems better to divide the management of the building and the orchestra.

In talking with orchestra players, one gets the rather sad feeling that they have lost their way - that from the giddy heights of their heroic role in the Velvet Revolution, they have fallen into turbulent confusion.

"Nothing is as it was," said Maresh. "Nobody knows what will

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The Unionist As Film Critic

The Associated Press HILADELPHIA - Jack Nicholson's portrayal of Jimmy Hoffa in the film "Hoffa" doesn't do justice to the tough Teamsters boss, says a union official.

"Hoffa wasn't that dumb," said John Morris, secretary-treasurer of Teamsters Local 115, who knew the union leader when he was the head of a local in Detroit. "He was a hell of a lot smarter than that picture." Morris said after attending a show-ing of "Hoffa," the film that depicts the career of the Teamsters leader.

"He had this bounce, this energy, this very, very hard-nosed stuff," Morris recalled. "He always had this Jimmy Cagney attitude."

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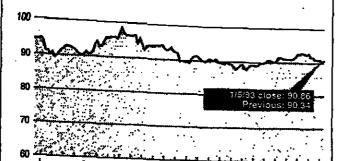
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MEDIA MARKETS

Can an Alternative Digest Find a Business Nirvana?

By Deirdre Carmody New York Times Service

INNEAPOLIS - Just behind the reception desk at Utne Reader's headquarters here is a dramatic interior window giving on to a room filled with racks and racks of magazines. The more than 2,000 publications have names like Z Papers, Factsheet Five, Hungry Mind Review, Chang-

ing Men and Woman of Power.
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are part of the lifeblood of the nation's press. Here, the jour-nals are read, analyzed, summarized, excerpted, quoted from and reprinted in the sprightly Utne Reader, which calls itself the Reader's Digest of the alter-

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These magazines are a wonderful window into the world.'

"New ideas tend to surface first in these publications," said Eric Utne, who founded the magazine in 1984. "These magazines are a wonderful window into the world. When I was trying to figure out what kind of a new magazine the world needed, I came to the conclusion that the world didn't need another magazine because there was already too much to digest - and then the word digest set off a light inside my head."

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Utne Reader started as a 25,000-circulation newsletter with a total investment of \$150,000 from eight investors. Now bimonthly, the magazine has a circulation of 284,000 and ran 324 pages of ads

The magazine tries to focus on issues of concern. The January-February cover story is "Men & Women Can We Get Along? Should We Even Try?" The November-December cover piece was "The Whole Truth About Lying (Trust Us)."

Mr. Utne, who owns the majority of the stock, said the magazine began operating in the black in 1991. The renewal rate is 70 percent to 80 percent, he said, which compares with an industry average of

Though the magazine's employees tend to portray themselves as See MAGAZINE, Page 14

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CS Holding to Acquire Volksbank

ZURICH - The parent of Credit Suisse, the Swiss bank, said Tuesday night it planned to acquire Swiss Volksbank in a generous stock swap that would be the biggest hanking takeover in the country's history.

Directors of Volksbank, the fifth-largest in the country by assets and lately a victim of a weak economy and real estate market, have approved the offer, CS Holding said. It would propel CS Holding into second place in the country's bank-ing industry, passing Swiss Bank Corp. but still trailing Union Bank of Switzerland.

On Monday, Volksbank had asked for a twoday trading halt in its stock, saying it would have a "positive" announcement on Wednesday, Late Tuesday, CS Holding said it would seek

> By Kurt Eichenwald New York Times Service NEW YORK — The year just

ended brought the first improve-

ment in corporate dividends in

years in the United States. But

because the numbers were already

so low, Wall Street is not popping

In 1992, more companies rein-stated dividends, announced

higher dividends or gave extra dividends than in either of the

previous two years. But on the other hand, that level is still the

third-lowest since comparable

figures began to be compiled in

1955, according to Standard &

While the figures reflect tepid growth in confidence in the econ-

omy among corporate executives, the year ended with some scat-

tered signs of continued revival.

extra dividends than had done so

By Agis Salpukas

New York Times Service
NEW YORK — A top Boeing

Co. executive said Tuesday that the planemaker expected to sign an agreement soon with Deutsche Aerospace AG to work together to

see if it was feasible to build a giant

Deutsche Aerospace, known as

DASA is a key member of Boeing's archival Airbus Industrie, which also has been considering building such a large airplane. DASA is a unit of Daimler-Benz AG.

Some industry observers said

that, by splitting away a major member of Airbus Industrie from

such a project, Boeing may be try-ing to prevent Airbus from getting a jump in developing a new genera-

tion of giant airplanes.

550-to-800-passenger airliner.

In the last two months of the

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champagne corks just yet.

to acquire Volksbank through a stock-swap offer next month. It said its offer would be to convert each Volksbank share or every 10 participation certificates into three CS Holding registered shares. CS Holding's registered stock closed at 398 francs (\$269) on Tuesday.

If calculated at current rates, the deal means that CS Holding will swap shares worth 1,194 francs for each Volksbank share, last quoted at

Volksbank has been in trouble since the late 1980s because of a crisis in real estate markets and loans to recession-plagued Swiss compa-nies. Under the deal, Volksbank will continue to concentrate on its traditional customer base. small and medium private and business clients. a CS Holding statement said.

U.S. Dividends Regain Lost Ground

Armus number of dividend changes by U.S. companies.

A Rebound for Shareholders in 1992

It said Volksbank would keep its name and "its own identity." Analysts said after the bank's announcement Monday that any deal would likely involve a scaling-back of Volksbank's operations. It employs 6,600 people now, and has assets of 47.5 billion frames.

Crédit Suisse, Switzerland's third-largest bank, will focus on securities, big accounts and foreign clients, the statement said.

The offer's terms are contingent on Volksbank converting to a public company from a cooperative society.

Besides Crédit Suisse, CS owns CS First Boston Group Inc., Leu Holding Ltd., Electrowatt Ltd., Fides Trust AG and CS Life. Group assets were 220.5 billion francs at the end of 1991. (Reuters, AP)

Gave extra dividend

N.Y. Fed Chief Resigning to Try **Private Sector**

By Lawrence Malkin International Herald Tribune

NEW YORK - E. Gerald Corrigan, one of the most influential U.S. banking officials through his regula-tion of the New York money markets and the structure of interna-tional finance, announced Tuesday he was resigning as president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York

to seek a job in private business. Mr. Corrigan, 51, said he had no plans to join the administration of President-elect Bill Clinton or to do anything other than look for work after his resignation becomes effective on Aug. 20, which will mark his 25th anniversary with the Federal Reserve System. He said he had no quarrel with Mr. Clinton's economic team or with Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan.

His most important international post is as chairman of the Basel Committee on Bank Supervision. the chief negotiating body for international bank regulators. Before Mr. Corrigan became chairman it worked out improved international capital standards for banks. Under his chairmanship, it has been trying to close international regulatory loopholes to prevent a repetition of the kind of scandal surround the Bank of Credit & Commerce International. He is resigning the Basel post as of the end of June.

Mr. Corrigan said he had been at the New York Fed long enough and wanted to find a job in the private sector that also would iner on to write.

job, he replied: "The most important thing is that what you see is what you get. There is no hidden agenda here. I am in excellent health. I have excellent relations with the Federal Reserve in Washington and with Chairman Greenspan. I have no policy disagreements, and I approve of the new economic team installed by the Clinton administration."

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tions. He added that he told the transition team he had "no interest whatsoever in any kind of appointment or association with the new administration" no matter how much he might approve of it.

There had been speculation that open for appointment as the chief international financial negotiator. the No. 3 post at the Treasury.

Mr. Corrigan, a former assistant and protege of the previous Fed chairman, Paul A. Volcker, has been president of the New York Fed since Jan. 1, 1985. The New York bank is the most important in the central banking system. It oversees the New York money markets and executes the monetary policies of the parent Board of Governors in Washington and the Federal Open Market Committee, on which the New York bank's president holds a permanent seat.

As New York Fed president, Mr. Corrigan also was instrumentance to help the authorities in Moscow organize a commercial banking system through the a group called the Russian American Bankers Forum. Mr. Corrigan said he intends to remain co-chairman of that group "for the foreseeable future." implying that he would take the chairmanship with him into the private sector.

The task of picking a successor has already begun. Although the regional Federal Reserve banks are government organizations like volve him in public policy, and lat- those of any central bank, their directors are drawn from the pri-Questioned about his motives for vate sector. The present chairwornquitting the his \$250,000-a-year an is Ellen Futter, president of Barnard College, a women's college in New York, who announced she was heading a search committee of bankers and business executives.

In practice, no choice is made without close consultation with the Fed board in Washington, which in recent decades has ensured that the iob did not remain in the hands of the New York banks themselves. Mr. Corrigan's two successors both He added that transition offi-cials from the new administration Solomon and Mr. Volcker, both of had approached him, but "only just whom had previously served in seto brainstorm" about policy ques- nior positions at the Treasury.

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percent stake, was part of the dis-

Mr. Hayhurst would not confirm

the participation except for Deut-sche Aerospace. He added, howev-er, that it was possible that other aircraft makers could become in-

volved, including the Japanese.

The risk of developing such a

large airplane has grown as many

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fidence of smooth sailing ahead.

The dividend figures are an im-The overall strength of the U.S. economy is reflected in the fact portant gauge of companies' past performance and future expectathat even in a troubled year, there tions. Companies with poor perwere more than six times as many formance or expectations of sig-nificant troubles in the coming year are loath to distribute cash announcements of dividend increases, reinstatements and extra dividends as there were of divithrough dividend payments, so

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"This was an improvement, but it was nothing to write home the editor of S&P's Outlook

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There are differences of opinion

Boeing Sees Daimler Deal for Huge Jet

On Tuesday, he said that "the support the use of many Boeing potential market for a new large airplane would be limited." He added that the "potential

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within Boeing over whether such a cost of developing such an airplane large airliner would be practical at is so large that Boeing would have a time when many major internato work with a partner to share the tional routes are increasingly being served by smaller jumbo jets, such as the Boeing 767. development risks."

Boeing also is in the midst of developing its new large two-en-gine 777, which will be able to carry Philip M. Condit, president of Boeing, has said that, as the interfrom 305 to 418 passengers. It is national routes are increasingly weighing a new version of the 737 major carriers have opened new in-ternational hubs, such as at Dallas and Atlanta, that have not been to smaller planes.

fragmented away from major hubs, the trend has been to switch from 747s to smaller planes.

as well, which could be putting a strain on the company's ability to start on the huge airplane alone.

Jean Pierson, managing director and chief executive of Airbus, has said that the consortium was studying plans for a 600-to-800-passenger aircraft that could enter service by about 2002. He said that no decision to launch the airplane

would have to made until 1997. Boeing has long monopolized the top end of the market with its Boeing 747, the only airplane that

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NEC said its new machines, which it expects to introduce around the end of the month, will "It's an interim recognition of, be based on Intel Corp.'s 486 mi-the pricing trends." Michael Jer-emy, analyst with Baring Securities prices of 250,000 to 300,000 yen (about \$2,000 to \$2,400).

That is still higher than the far cheaper than what NEC has In October, Compaq introduced machines in Japan that sell for about half the prices of NEC and other Japanese companies. Then the price of the price sive 486 notebook machine sells for

chine is not compatible with the nounce its entry into the Japanese standard originally set by IBM that is now used by most personal com-

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NEC Joins Price-Cutting Fray

the fierce price cutting elsewhere, finally seems about to be sucked into a price war of its own.

John Hayhurst, a Boeing vice with prices about half those of its president, said its marketing studies suggested that only one plane of the action comes after NEC in-

mand was not big enough to engage in price wars.

a recognition by the company that it would lose its hold on the market unless it responded to lower-priced low-priced models. Still, he attribcompetitors. These include such U.S. companies as Compaq Computer Corp., that have entered the Japanese market with products honed in the savage price battles in

the United States. in Tokyo, said of NEC's move. "It seems that within the company, the lobby for maintaining market share \$1,600 price of Compaq's least exhas won out over the lobby for pensive 486-SX machine here, but has won out over the lobby for maintaining profits or revenues.

International Business Machines Corp. introduced inexpensive mod- 348,000 year. els, and Apple Computer and Digi-tal Equipment cut prices. Dell more than just low prices. Its ma-Computer Corp. is planning to an-

noting that the U.S. company has U.S. companies are offering IBMlittle distribution in Japan and that compatible machines using a Japathere is far more Japanese software nese adaptation of Microsoft's Mavailable for NEC computers.

But a spokesman for NEC said DOS/V.

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Profit Outlook Puts Pressure on Shares

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - Share prices slipped Tuesday as concerns about corporate carnings caused the market to falter. Such growth stocks as

tobacco and drugs tumbled. "The market is having trouble in the first few days of 1993 as investors worry about high market valu-ations and the outlook for corporate profits," said Barry Berman, head trader at Robert W. Baird. The Dow Jones industrial average slipped 1.35 points to 3,307.87,

N.Y. Stocks

with Philip Morris Cos. and IBM leading the decline.

The S&P 500 dropped 1.04 to 434.34. Defying the trend, the Nasday Combined Composite recouped some of Monday's 0.75 percent decline to close up 2.54 points

Advancers outnumbered decliners by a 9-to-7 margin on the New York Stock Exchange. Trading was brisk, with about 240 million shares changing hands, up from 200 million on Monday,

Shares of tobacco, drug, healthcare and beverage companies slid the most in the S&P 500 industry groups. Traditionally favored by investors for steady earnings increases, they groups have been battered by signs that profit growth is poised to slow.

Philip Morris Cos. dropped 23s to 73½ amid concerns that New York state may double its cigarette tax and reports that a coalition of health groups are urging President-elect Bill Clinton to boost cigarette

RJR Nabisco Holdings dipped 1/4

Drug stocks continue to be hammered by the prospect of smaller price increases under the Clinton administration and worries that a strong dollar will hurt foreign earnings. Merck & Co. fell 4 to 43%. and Pfizer Inc. dropped 2½ to 69%.
Brokerage stocks fell as investors

fret that 1993 earnings will not match the record levels of 1992, analysts said. Merrill Lynch & Co. fell 114 to 5734, and PaineWebber Group Inc. lost 1/2 to 231/a.

IBM fell 14 to 48% amid concerns the rising dollar may crimp overseas profits. The stock has been hovering around 17-year lows since the company announced a fourth-quarter charge of \$6 billion to cut about 25,000 more jobs this

Intel, ranked No. 1 among semiconductor makers in the Dataquest survey, soared 412 to 91.

(Bloomberg, Reuters)

Europe Monetary Strife Sends the Dollar Down

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatche: NEW YORK - The dollar fell back Tuesday as the German central bank's reluctance to ease inter-

est rates braked the U.S. currency. The British pound surged as investors sought shelter from tensions within the European exchange-rate mechanism.

The dollar finished at 1.6255

Foreign Exchange

Deutsche marks, down from 1.6390 on Monday, and at 124.80 yea, down from 125.30.

The pound gained to \$1.5500, from \$1.5005. Once again the franc fought off speculators, but at a price of raising French short-term interest rates 2 percentage points. The Bundes-

rency's rescue, traders said. Speculation is increasing, however, that the franc will not be able to resist such intense pressure and could soon force the French government to devalue the currency.

bank again came to the French cur-

"The market is getting nasty," said John Nelson, chief spot dealer at ABN-Amro Bank. "As soon as the French step back, the market will run right over the franc."

The U.S. unit also dipped to 1.4717 Swiss francs, after 1.4790. and to 5.5425 French francs, after The franc closed at 3.4094 DM, up from 3.4214 Monday, though still close to its ERM floor of

3.4305. Earlier, in London, the dollar ended weaker. It slipped to 1,6265 DM, from 1,6395 Monday, but advanced to 125.18 yen, from 124.27. The pound surged to \$1.5320,

after \$1.5030. The U.S. currency moved to to 1.4760 Swiss francs, compared with 1.4770, and to 5.5915 French francs, compared with 5.5985. An economist at Bankers Trust. lan Amstad, said of the French rate

increase: "The French have bought some time, but what is desperately needed is a German easing." (Bloomberg, Reuters, AFP)

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Managers Buy Malaysian Media Group

KUALA LUMPUR - Malaysia's largest newspaper chain and sole private television station were sold Tuesday for 800 million ringgit (\$306.8 million) in a management buyout that analysts said would give allies of Finance Minister Anwar Ibrahim tighter corporate control of the media.

The buyout of The New Straits Times Press Bhd. and Sistem Televisyen Malaysia involves a stable of newspapers, including the leading English and which in 1990 bought the two companies as part of

been pressured to sell the media properties because of differences between Mr. Halim, an associate of the former finance minister. Daim Zainuddin, and Mr. Anwar, who is Mr. Daim's successor, Mr. Halim denied there was pressure on him to s

"The price was good so we decided to sell," said Halim Saad, executive chairman of Renong Bhd., the assets it took over from the ruling United

Malays National Organization party,
Political sources and analysts said Renong had

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IBM Holds PC Lead but Apple Gains

SAN JOSE. California (AFX) — International Business Machines Corp. remained the world's top seller of personal computers in 1992, but its market share slipped from 1991, allowing second-placed Apple Computer Inc. to narrow the gap, according to the market research company

In 1992 IBM had 12.4 percent of the worldwide market, down from its 1991 share of 16.3 percent, according to Dataquest's 1992 survey. Apple's share grew to 11.9 percent from 11.2 percent. Third place was held by Compaq Computer Corp., whose share rose to 6.6 percent from 6.0 percent. NEC Corp. slipped to fourth place, its share dropping to 5.1 percent from 6.4 percent; it had been in third place in 1991.

percent from 6.4 percent; it had been in third place in 1991.

The worldwide market for personal computers expanded 7.1 percent, in terms of factory revenue, to \$46.5 billion last year, from \$43.4 billion. Dataquest also said that Intel Corp. jumped past NEC Corp. and Toshiba Corp. to become the world's top semiconductor producer in 1992. Intel posted a market share of 7.7 percent last year, the survey showed, bolstered by demand for its 386SL and 486 microprocessors.

Big 3 Delegation Plans Clinton Visit

DETROIT (Reuters) — Executives of the Big Three U.S. automakers are planning to meet with President-elect Bill Clinton on Wednesday to

discuss trade, the economy and federal regulations.

Alexander Trotman, president of Ford's automotive group, said Tuesday that industry executives would meet with Mr. Clinton in Little Rock, Arkansas. He said Ford was "pleased with the preliminary indications about how the new administration wants to interface with industry and particularly the auto industry."

He said Ford hoped the meeting extends to other areas such as health care, investment-tax credits and trade with Japan. Mr. Trotman added that the auto industry was hoping for a more "enlightened view" from Mr. Clinton's administration regarding regulations on air quality, weight, fuel economy and safety. He said U.S. auto prices could rise by more than \$1,000 a vehicle to meet proposed standards.

Prudential Takes Over O&Y Tower

TORONTO (NYT) - Prudential Insurance Co. of America has become the first creditor to seize a commercial building of the Reichmann family's bankrupt Olympia & York Developments Ltd., once the world's premier real estate company.

Prudential has taken title to the 28-story Aetna Canada Center, one of the four crown jewels in Olympia's Toronto portfolio. The changeover came as Oiympia's creditors prepared to vote next week on a new restructuring plan that is a blueprint for the liquidation of the company's Canadian assets.

Olympia & York owes \$6.7 billion on its Canadian office towers. In May it was granted Ontario court protection from its creditors.

Buffett Adds \$1.3 Billion to Fortune

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — Warren Buffett, the famed Wall Street investor and chairman of Berkshire Hathaway Inc., added about \$1.3 billion to his fortune, the largest net increase in wealth in 1992, according to statistics compiled by Birinyi Associates.

In 1992. Berkshire shares rose about 30 percent to \$11,750 a share from \$9,050 a share a year ago. On Nov. 17, Berkshire became the first stock to trade at more than \$10,000 a share. Mr. Buffett owns about 45 percent of Berkshire's 1.15 million common shares.

Laszlo Birinyi, president of Birinyi Associates, said Mr. Buffett's stake in Berkshire was the primary reason for the surge in his fortune. Mr. Buffett is known for taking large positions in companies he considers undervalued.

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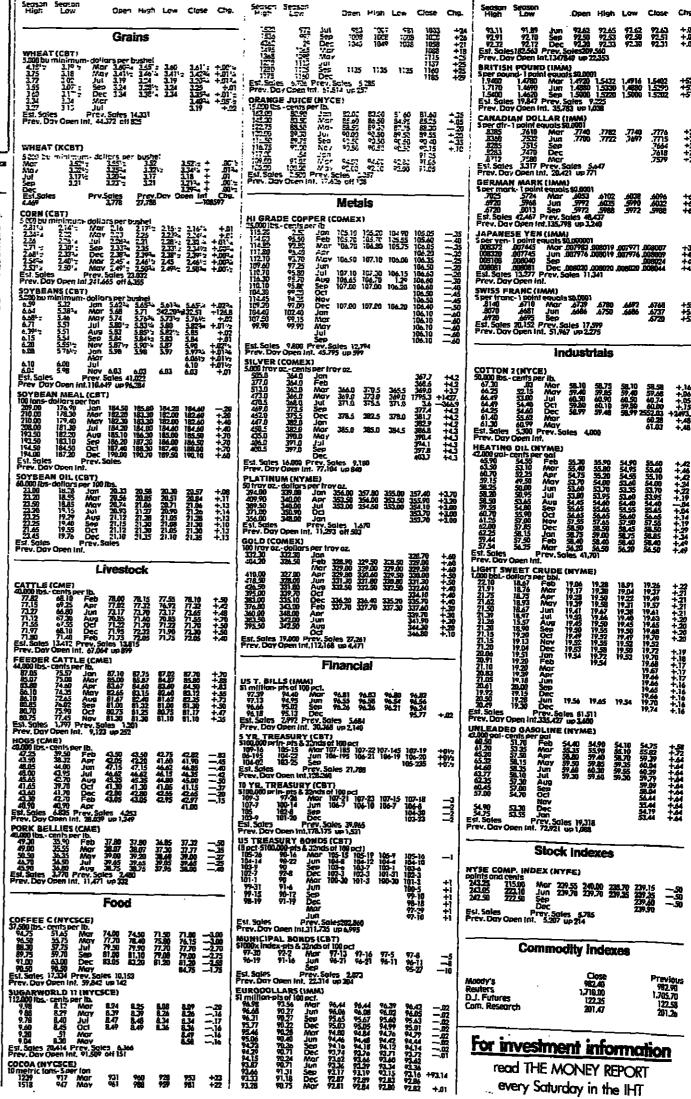
American Telephone & Telegraph Co. cut the price of its videophone by one-third to \$999.99 on Tuesday. It said that thousands of the devices had been sold since they were introduced in the United States in August: they 2iso are being marketed in Canada and Mexico and will be offered in 25 other countries this year.

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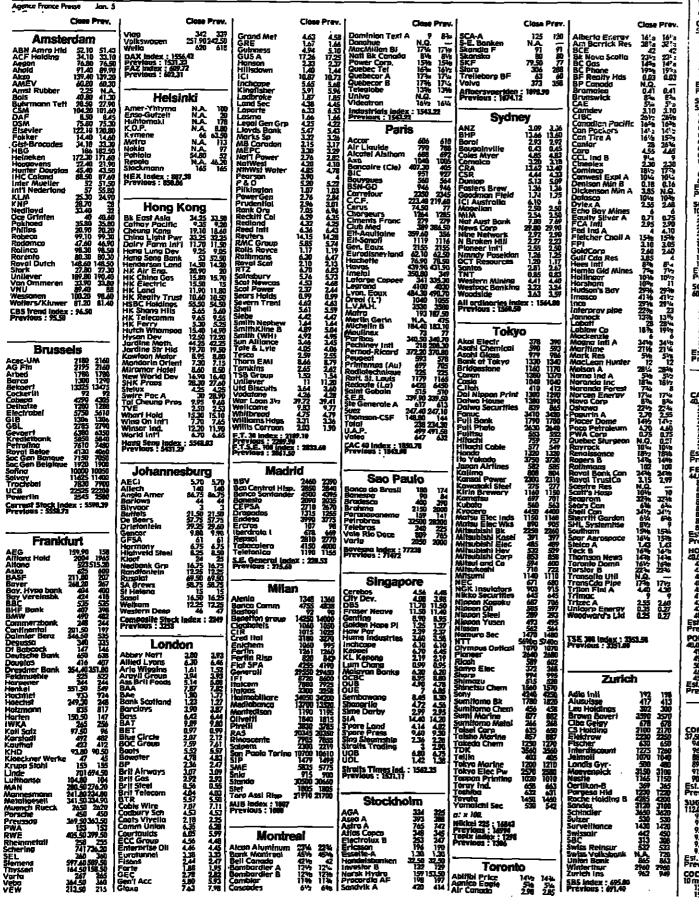
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Russian City Braves New Era Empty Warehouses in 'Game without Rules'

New York Times Service IVANOVO, Russia - When Russians complain about the failures of economic reform, they point to cities like Ivanovo.

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A large textile center 150 miles (240 kilometers) northeast of Moscow that once clothed half the army and produced one of every four square yards of fabric in the Soviet Union, Ivanovo is suffering by any measure. Output has dropped by half, warehouses are empty and raw materials are almost unavailable.

Many thousands of people formally employed are actually on forced vacation," trying to survive in a time of raging inflation while receiving less than 20 percent of their normal salaries.

"The government issues concepts and decrees," said Sergei P. Balan, technical director of the huge Frolov textile factory, Ivanovo's largest, covering 250 acres (101 hectares). "But 6,000 workers come to us for wages and say, We need bread."

Ivanovo's problems reflect the chaos of a broken Soviet Union after a first, troubled year of economic and political reform.

Old ties are frayed or sundered. The cotton-growing republics of ccatral Asia, some torn by civil strife, are growing less cotton and finding more profitable places to sell it than Ivanovo. And state orders have dried up.

Financial mechanisms are paralyzed. Medium-term loans are unavailable. The banking system is unable to speed money transfers, compounding debts companies have incurred with each other.

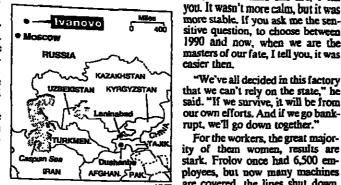
Factory managers who functioned successfully when the army was a reliable supplier and customer now realize that they simply do not know how to operate in a market economy, and that no one is around to tell them.

Both managers and workers are fed up with platitudes about market economics and the failures of the socialist past.

They say that the last government, under Acting Prime Minister Yegor T. Gaidar, which pushed best for a Gaidar, which pushed getting it. Four years ago, all the

hard for a market economy, still did not seem very interested in the fabric, and the government strugfactory workers or capable of helpfactory workers or capable of help-ing them. Under the earlier Com-the warehouses are cappty. munist regimes, party bosses at least made sure that cotton arrived regulariy.

The workers now look to the new government, with a more conservave prime minister, the industrial-Viktor S. Chernomyrdin, for concrete proposals, low-cost loans, laster clearance of bank payments and a renewed effort to patch up economic ties with the cotton-pro-



ducing republics. But they are skeptical about about what Mr.

Chernomyrdin can do. "I have only the traditional Russian optimism that a new ruler will be better," said Vladimir Yavorsky, commercial director of the Frolov factory. "Chemomyrdin is a contrast to Gaidar and I hope he will listen to the problems of Ivanovo.

"We felt no interest from Gaidar, but frankly speaking, we felt no interest" from prime ministers in the Soviet era. "But in those days, we felt the power of the system, and our requirements and supplies, were clear. Now it's a ne without rules, and we don't know what card to play."

In the simplest terms, workers asked to leave, too."

Budget Woes for Belgium

warehouses were full of cotton and

cal director, said the old socialist

system meant more than just the

"It was a whole system of life,"

reliability of government orders.

he said. "There are no state orders

now, and we miss this life, I tell

you. It wasn't more calm, but it was

more stable. If you ask me the sen-

sitive question, to choose between

1990 and now, when we are the

masters of our fate, I tell you, it was

"We've all decided in this factory

that we can't rely on the state," he

said. "If we survive, it will be from our own efforts. And if we go bank-

For the workers, the great major-

ployees, but now many machines

Only 2,000 people come to work,

making an average monthly salary of 5,000 rubles, including bonuses,

or \$12, less than the Russian aver-

age of about 7,300 rubles. The rest of the employees, who are formally on contract, are told to stay home.

They get 75 percent of the mini-

mum monthly wage of 1,380 rubles,

the empty machines around her,

where rolled cotton wool is turned

"Three years ago, all these ma-chines were working," she said

"Almost all the first and second

floor now is on partial pay, and

they have a hard life now. But if

there's no cotton supply, I don't

know what we'll do. I might be

Galina Zhukova, 29. gestures to

or 1,035 rubles.

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million tons.

BRUSSELS — Belgium's 1992 budget deficit turned out to be much higher than expect-To work at normal capacity, Frolov needs 18 million metric tons ed, officials said Tuesday, of cotton a year. In 1992 it got 5 making it increasingly unlikely that the government will meet Mr. Balan, the factory's technithe spending targets set out in

the treaty on closer European Community union. The deficit will total "somewhere in the area" of 6.8 percent of Belgium's gross national product for 1992, said a budget ministry official, who

demanded anonymity. The government's target had been 5.7 percent of GNP. The treaties signed in Maastricht last year setting out an agenda for creating an economic and monetary union of

the 12 EC countries require that public deficits be limited to no more than 3 percent of gross domestic product by Government officials blamed the economic slump that has gripped the Commu-

nity over the last year and high interest rates for the worse-than-expected deficit. Some 40,000 more people were added to the jobless ranks, bringing the total to half a million. The deficit of 490 billion

francs (\$14.58 billion) in 1992 was all the more surprising because the government had made additional budget cuts last fall to try to keep the target within reach.

Only last month, Finance Minister Philippe Maystadt said that the EC targets would need to be softened if the current economic slump continued into 1993.

Belgium's overall debt stands at more than 100 percent of GDP.

Ford Starts Gamble On New 'World Car'

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LONDON - After half a decade and nearly \$6 billion in the making. Ford Motor Co. unveiled its Mondeo car on Tuesday, describing the new line as "central to our strategy over the next five years.

The Mondeo, billed by Ford as its new "global car," will replace the 10-year-old Sierra line, of which the company has built 3.4 million. The Mondeo will go on sale in Europe in March.

The company said production of the mid-sized model had begun at its plant in Belgium with daily produc-tion to reach up to 2,000 cars. Pro-duction of a slightly different American version of the car will begin at a U.S. Ford plant in 18 months.

The curvy Mondeo has frontwheel drive and air bags on the driver's side as standard equipment. Keen to stress that its latest offering is thoroughly modern. Ford point to such features as its "safety cell" body structure, designed with the aid of the company's Cray supercomputer. The automaker also insists that 85 percent of the materials

used in the Mondeo can be recycled. The Mondeo was designed in Germany and Britain, with assistance from Ford's U.S. units.

The launch comes at a difficult time for Ford. The company's European arm, Ford of Europe, last month announced it would cut more than 10,000 jobs by the end of this year in an effort to stem losses. Those job cuts will result in the company taking a \$419 million after-tax charge against earnings.

In Europe, Ford faces growing competition from Japanese manu-

Bérégovoy: Cold War's End

Brought Commercial Strife

PARIS — Prime Minister Pierre Bérégovoy said Tuesday that the end of the Cold War gave free rein to "the economic conflicts between

In an article in the afternoon daily Le Monde, Mr. Bérégovoy said

the more demanding U.S. stance explained in part the crisis in world trade talks and the recent turmoil in European currency markets.

Mr. Bérégovoy cited turbulence in the European Monetary System

which came to a head with the ousting of the pound and lira from the currency grid in September. He said attacks on the EMS were "largely

explained by the fact that it foreshadows the single European currency,

Citing world trade talks, he said, I note, without bitterness but with

realism, that the American superpower is becoming demanding in the commercial field." The talks have been bogged down by disputes on

agriculture between the United States and the European Community.

which could very quickly be the equal of the dollar."

developed countries" and made the United States more assertive.

Peugeot to Trim Nearly 2,600 Jobs The Associated Press

PARIS - Automobiles Peugeot anticipating a decline in European car sales in 1993, said Tuesday that it would cut 2,597 jobs at four of its factories this year.

The carmaking unit of PSA Peugeot Citroën said the job cuts would help it deal with an expected 4.5 percent decrease in European car sales in 1993 and pursue its objective of a boosting productivity 12 percent this year.

The plan to trim the work force of 55,000 will be presented to a meeting of management and labor representatives on Jan. 13. It calls for 1,636 workers to take early retirement and the remaining 961 to

tories in recent years to take advan-tage of the single market and from its rival General Motors Corp. The mid-sized market that Ford has targeted with the Mondeo is the company's bread-and-butter segment in Europe, but it is also the conti-

nent's most competitive area. ■ Product Spending Rise

Ford plans to increase product spending for the next five years "very substantially" over the \$28 billion spent in the past five years, Reuters quoted a company executive as saying in Detroit.

Alexander Trotman, president of Ford's automotive group, also said the company planned a product blitz in the next three years, with facturers that have set up local fac- about 12 new vehicles worldwide.

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Finland's center-right coalition government agreed to raise the ceiling for bank support to 58 billion markkaa (\$10.73 billion), from 28 billion markkaa, in an effort to bail out the country's banking system.

 Lithuania is setting aside 1 billion rubles (\$2.4 million) to pay Russia for oil delivered in the third quarter of 1992, government officials said.

· Poland's government ended a brief ban on coal exports following the conclusion of a three-week strike by coal miners.

Carrefour SA said its sales had risen 16.3 percent in 1992, to 131.86 billion francs (\$1.06 billion).

Upjohn Co. said it was expanding its pharmaceutical-chemicals plant in Val de Reuil, France, for a total investment estimated at \$35 million.

 Italy's Trade Ministry said the government had not banned imports of Japanese cars; earlier, newspapers quoted Trade Minister Claudio Vita-lone as saying Italy had introduced a ban with effect from Jan. 1.

 Technip, a French oil-engineering firm, said the scope of a contract to build petrochemical facilities at Tabriz, Iran, had been reduced and was now valued at \$200 million.

 Laporte PLC said it bought 4.45 million ordinary shares of Evode Group PLC, amounting to about 6.1 percent of the ordinary share capital. Laporte also said it was negotiating a bid to acquire Evode.

Aleatel Alsthom SA said its unit Aleatel-CTT won its first contract in the Ukraine, to supply two telephone exchanges with total capacity of 25,000 lines. Ukraine currently has 8 million lines for 52 million inhabitants.

• Bayerische Motoren Werke AG is forming a new finance unit in North America to provide finance and leasing for its retail-dealer network.

Saab Automobile AB said its U.S. sales rose 1.3 percent in 1992, to

 Matra SA, the French defense and communications company, said it would cease trading on the Paris Bourse's monthly settlement market on Jan. 22. Matra is to be merged with the media concern Hachette SA. British Airways PLC will soon bid for a stake in USAir that would be smaller than the share it tried to obtain in an earlier aborted offer, according to British press reports said; the airline refused to comment.

* FRANC: Concerns Grow That French Currency May Lose Link to the Mark

(Continued from page 1) gesting that the pound was ripe for

Nevertheless the French currency remains vulnerable. The German central bank, which meets on Thursday to set interest rates for the next few weeks, is still not expected to make any significant changes in monetary policy so soon. Unless it leads to a change in the status quo, this week's Bundesbank meeting could be a signal, analysts said, for another wave of

number jumped to 1,333, from 1,086 in the previous year.

That was the lowest for any year since 1970 and 1971, when federal

wage and price controls held the figures down. Excluding that period, the 1992 figure was the third lowest since 1961.

There were a few indications of

gets, such as the Irish punt and the Danish krone.

Until German interest rates come down, economic conditions across much of Europe will probably continue to deteriorate. The contrast between France and Britain could not be clearer. While Britain, as a result of cutting its link to the Deutsche mark, is poised to finally emerge from its lengthy recession, France's economy is being

146 increases in November.

employment, which has been creeping up in recent months, now stands at 10.5 percent and is heading toward 11 percent this year.

When there was some light at the end of the tunnel, you could at least justify following along the same track," a French banking exeentive said. "But we no longer can Adding to the economic woes is

the widespread political uncertainty over the economic policies Several prominent members of

PAYOUT: Recouping Setbacks the center-right opposition have come out publicly against the gov-(Continued from first finance page)
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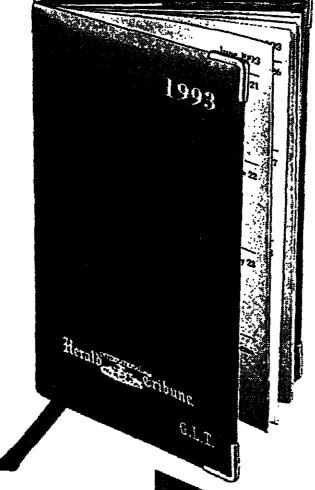
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In contrast to Britain, France has benefited from a decadelong effort to wring inflation out of its system and improve its industrial competitiveness. Elisabeth Guigou, French minister for European affairs, rightly points out that France has recently enjoyed the "best performance in terms of growth and inflation of the five major Europe-

But as long as France suffers from considerably higher unemployment than Western Germany, its closest economic partner, and must stand by helplessly while Italy and Spain gain trade benefits from their recent devaluations, there will continue to be widespread speculation that Paris will be forced to break the link to the mark.

"The French government is fighting the last war, because it made the mistake in the early 1980s of trying to stimulate growth all alone," said Mr. Brown of Missubi-shi Finance. "But this time, the situation is totally different. It is only Germany that should be pur-suing such a tight monetary policy.

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The magazine has steadily conducted direct mail campaigns plowing subscription money back nto more mailings. It has also been very selective about its advertisers, which include food, music, electronic media, consumer electronics.

publishing and travel. Mr. Utne said he had thought of starting other magazines but felt in the end that they would prove to be a distraction. "We'd start them because they would be a good business opportunity," he said. "But for a magazine to have integrity and vitality it has to come from some editor's passion and vision. It became clear to me that I couldn't edit a magazine just because I had identified some market."

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> HONG KONG — Signs that Governor Chris Patten may be willing to compromise with Beijing in the British-Chidese row over political reform in Hong Kong gave stocks a strong boost Tuesday.

The Hang Seng index of leading shares rose 110.23 points, or 2.03 percent, to finish at 5,548.03. It had lost 1.47 percent Monday as it opened the trading year.

A report in the Evening Stan-

dard newspaper of London on Monday said Mr. Patten might be weighing a retreat in his dispute with China, It quoted him as saying that a degree of compromise with Beijing was "perfectly possible." An associate director at SBCI Finance, Philip Pritchard, said: The article seems to have been taken as an indication by local Chinese investors that Patten will be prepared to back down and ap-

News that Prime Minister Li Peng of China visited the Shenzhen stock exchange in southern China on Sunday, and held talks with the Hong Kong business tycoon Li Ka-shing on Monday, also helped boost investor confidence, brokers said

A sales director at Peregrine Brokerage, Chris Malpass, said, "Sentiment was helped by Li Peng reaffirming the capitalist road "

But brokers remained cautious because the relatively low levels of turnover indicated that sentiment had not changed for the majority of investors.

The head of research at Asia Equity, Barry Yates, said: "The market is being driven on the hopes of a compromise. But I think it is very short term and I don't think the underlying political currents have in any way changed."

Simpler Electronics: Japan Pulls the Plug On Button Nightmare

TOKYO - Now that profits are plunging, the Japanese electronics industry is swallowing its pride and trying a new way to develop hit products. New motto: User-friendly. The simpler the better. Matsushita Electric Industrial Corp., the country' largest consum-

er-electronics maker, spent years telling customers what they should buy. Now, crews of Matsushita employees, including product designers and researchers, are visiting a million homes to find out what Japanese consumers really want and how products are being used. "We began to realize that there's a gap between what we've been making and what consumers want," said the Matsushita president. Akio Tanii. "High technology shouldn't be a god in itself, but rather a means for making products that consumers need."

Matsushita and its rivals are not reintroducing the plain, simpleoperation appliances of yesteryear. Instead, they are using new

technology to streamline how their products work. The newest washing machines and vacuum cleaners use sophisticated sensors to automatically judge the amount of dirt and other conditions. Advanced control systems adjust automatically, making

decisions that users once had to make for themselves. Electronics makers believe that as the number of elderly people in Japan and elsewhere grows, demand will increase for simpler-to-use products, especially basic household appliances.

Consumer tastes also have changed. People who once wanted impressive control panels now want a less stressful life-style, said a spokesman for Sharp Corp., Shigeyuki Minamihori. "Many people think now that having so many controls is troublesome," he said. They'd rather push one button and have the machine do the rest for

Sharp's new FX-900 portable "boom box" uses a touch-sensitive panel that displays only those functions needed at the time. An "easy operation" switch makes operation even simpler by eliminating all but the most basic functions.

On Sanyo Electric Co.'s new Duost series of appliances, all that's needed for most uses is a push of a prominently lit "main button." "Our main purpose is simple operation of complex features," said Takashi Sakai, Sanyo Electric's general manager of control and systems research. "Users need many functions but also want simple

But making products easier to use is not that easy. Engineers at Matsushita are trying to develop "intelligent" circuits that can respond to verbal commands.

"We want to have speech recognition act like a 'secretary' between the user and the machine" to do "all the remembering of confusing operations," said Shoji Hiraoka, senior research engineer at Matsushita's Human Interface Research Laboratory.

But the problem, said Hiroyuki Mizuno, head of research and development for Matsushita, is that "technology hasn't developed far enough yet 10 make products truly simple."

Miyazawa Hints at Stimulus Finance Officials Oppose Budget Measures

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Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

Tuesday that he had been won over by pleas from industry for the government to stimulate the economy, but officials of economics ministries seemed to differ. Mr. Miyazawa told the year's first cabinet meeting his government would formulate a pump-priming package in addition to the one announced last mouth to pep up the lackluster economy, but he did not say when,

"The government will take whatever measures are necessary, without being restricted by tradition," he said. Japan's economy has been slowing for two years. Previous attempts to ignite growth, such as lower interest rates, have so far had little affect.

Speaking at a press conference attended by the heads of the nation's four largest business associations, the chairman of the Japan Federation of Economic Organizations, the Keidanren, said that if the economy did not show signs of improvement soon,

desperate measures would be needed. "I feel there may be a time when Japan needs to take emergency measures, including fiscal, monetary and tax-related steps, if necessary," said Gaishi Hiraiwa, the Keidanren chairman.

The business leaders' calls seem to have won the attention of Mr. Miyazawa but not the powerful financial bureaucracies. They were the latest salvo in an intense struggle between those responsible for

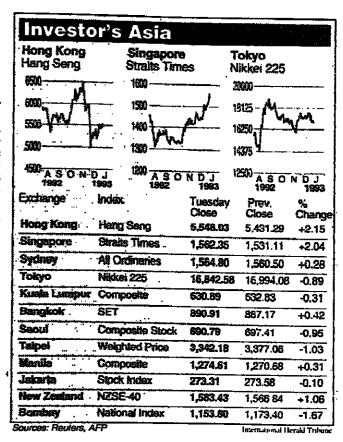
Japan's long-term financial health and those who fear

TOKYO — Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa hinted the slowdown may be getting out of hand. Finance Minister Yoshiro Hayashi, for example, said it was too early to discuss additional fiscal measures. Speaking during a year-opening tour of the Tokyo Stock Exchange, Mr. Hayashi said his ministry was observing the effects of emergency fiscal measures unveiled last summer. He said the economy should recover in the near future.

Similarly, Hajime Funada, the Economic Planning Agency minister, said it was too early for the govern-ment to take additional steps to stimulate the economy.

The planning agency and finance ministry are wor-ried about Japan's fiscal conditions and fears that tax cuts or spending increases would force the government to resort to deficit spending, which, once sampled, would be difficult to abandon.

Separately, the Yomiuri Shimbun newspaper said the government was planning to allow companies and individuals to invest in agriculture to boost the efficiency of the sector. The Ministry of Agriculture confirmed that changes were planned to the law in question, but would not comment on the article. The newspaper said the iative, sure to interest trading houses and agrochemical companies, is expected to concentrate farming-land ownership in Japan, where rural land is fractured into tiny blocks. (Reuters, UPI, Bloomberg, AFP)



U.K. Aide Upbeat On China Trade

Agence France-Presse

HONG KONG - The British trade minister, Richard Needham, said Tuesday that the political dispute with China appeared to have had no effect on trade ties with Beijing so far.

Returning from a two-day trip to Guangzhou, Mr. Needham said that his 20-member business delegation had signed deals with the Chinese worth "billions and billions" of pounds. He declined to disclose details.

Mr. Needham also announced the formation in Guangzhou of a Chinese-British Trade Group, and voiced support for Chinese acces-

Taiwan Helps Carmakers Craft Homegrown Engine

TAIPEI - The government will spend 1.1 billion Taiwan dollars (\$43 million) over the next four years to help local carmakers develop

a new engine, the Industrial Development Bureau said Tuesday. The spending will help to upgrade the country's car industry and reduce its reliance on imports of components from Japan, the United States and Europe, the bureau said.

Four local carmakers will help to design the engine, said Jason Li, a senior engineer at the bureau. Japanese carmakers hold minority stakes in or have technical cooperation agreements with each of the

Taiwan's car industry currently relies on foreign suppliers for about 40 percent of its components and the government hopes it will become more self-sufficient, Mr. Li said. He added that the bureau also was willing to provide more funds to help local companies develop other components such as braking systems and airbags.

Very briefly:

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 Taiwan has dropped an investigation of Oung Ta-ming, head of the Huslon group, saying there was not enough evidence to link him to huge share-payment defaults that sent the market plunging in September, Mr. Oung was sentenced to 31/2 years in prison in October in another case.

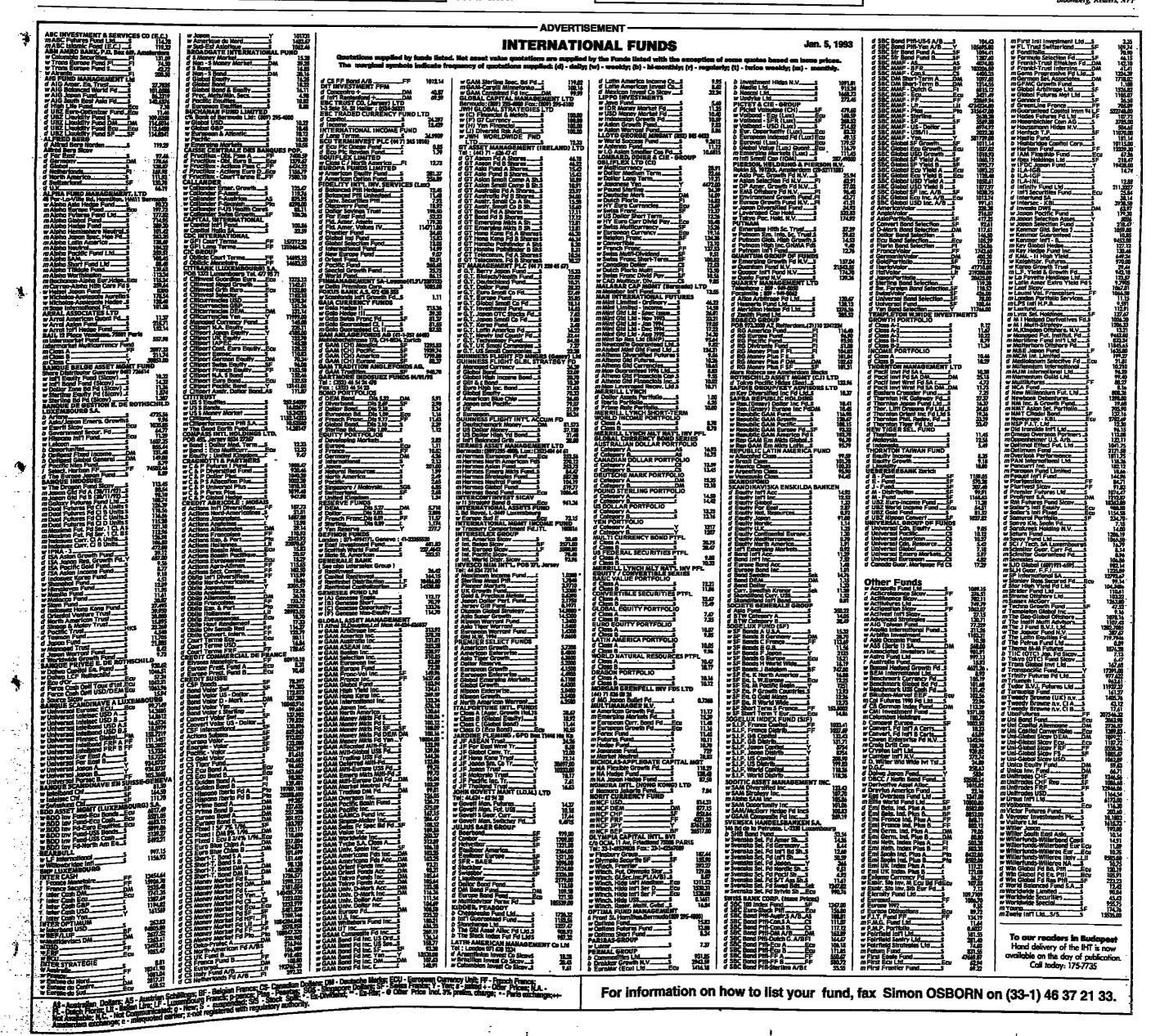
 Lei Bo-long, a leading Taiwan stock speculator, was released on bail after more than three months in detention for his role in the country's worst stock-settlement default; he is barred from leaving Taiwan.

 Taiwan's trade surplus plunged 29 percent to an eight-year low of \$9.48 billion last year, exports grew 7 percent to \$81.48 billion, while imports surged 15 percent to \$72 billion.

Japan will try to boost its sagging stock market by allowing investors in open-ended mutual funds to reinvest their capital in other financial instruments without commission payments.

China is slowing its provinces' drive to open more economic development zones, according a Beijing-backed newspaper in Hong Kong; the restrictive move is intended to keep the economy from overheating.

Allied Industries International shareholders and its unit Santai Manufacturing voted to support transactions that may lead to a state-owned Chinese industrial conglomerate taking a controlling stake in Santai.



SPORTS

Ditka Is Fired As Bears' Coach

LAKE FOREST. Illinois -Mike Ditka, whose combative demeanor and abrasive personality made him a larger-than-life figure in the National Football League. was fired Tuesday after 11 years of coaching the Chicago Bears.

A teary-eyed Ditka, who agreed to stay on with the team as a consultant, stood by as the Bears' president, Michael McCaskey, announced the change at a hushed news conference.

.. "We're going to have to find some new ways to do some things. ways different than we've done them in the past." McCaskey said. "There's going to be a premium on fresh ideas, and a new start.

"I've come to the difficult conclusion that it's best to start that process with a new head coach." Ditka, choking back tears, said: The Bears will come back. Mike

Ditka will survive. I'll land on my

feet. There's no problem about The 53-year-old Ditka, whose team finished a dismal 5-11, did not say how long he would stay on as a consultant.

"All things must pass. This too shall pass." Ditka said. "Regrets — just a few. But too few to remember. Thirty-two years, and I have a lot of people to thank. I want to thank the players most, because they make it happen. Thank you, fans of this city."

The Bears finished with their worst record since 1975. It was only Ditka's third losing season, but one that was marked by Ditka's icy relationship with McCaskey and stormy confrontations with players and fans.

Ditka had a 106-62 regular-sea-son record with the Bears, coaching them to six Central Division titles

49ers' Young **Voted Offensive** Player of Year

The Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, California — Quarterback Steve Young of the San Francisco 49ers has been voted the 1992 offensive player of the

He received 28 of 80 votes cast by a nationwide panel of media members. Running back Barry Foster of Pittsburgh, who tied an NFL mark with 12 100-yard games. was next with 24; Emmitt Smith of Dallas, the league's leading rusher. received 17 votes.

Green Bay wide receiver Sterling Sharpe, who set an NFL record with 108 catches, finished fourth with six votes. Running back Thur-man Thomas of Buffalo, the 1991 winner, was next with three votes. followed by San Francisco running back Rickey Watters and Buffalo quarterback Jim Kelly with one

Young emerged from Joe Montana's shadow to lead the NFL in passing with a 107 rating, 25 touchdowns and seven interceptions, completing 66.7 per cent of his passes as the 49ers posted a an NFL-best 14-2 record.

in the National Conference and the 1986 Super Bowl championship. Ditka ranks second among coaches of the Bears in both tenure and victories, trailing only the late

George Halas, the team's founder. Halas coached Ditka from the beginning of his playing career in 1961 until he was traded in 1967 and hand-picked Ditka to become the Bears' 10th coach on Jan. 20,

Ditka inherited a team that had just two winning seasons in the previous 19. He revamped the Bears and they went 11-14 his first two seasons.

In their championship season, the Bears had an 18-1 record and Ditka was named coach of the year. He was named coach of the year again in 1988 for taking the Bears to a 12-4 league-best record and the NFC title game despite suffering a mild heart attack in mid-season. Ditka, the first tight end induct-

ed into Pro Football's Hall of Fame, went on to play two years with Philadelphia before going to Landry, and stayed there until the Bears hired him.

Ditka is the third coach to be fired since the season ended. The others were Denver's Dan Reeves and Ray Handley of the New York Giants.

Reeves has expressed interest in the Chicago job, but the leading candidate may be Richie Petitbon. the assistant head coach for defense of the Washington Redskins and a former player with the Bears. Another candidate could be

Vince Tobin, the Bears' defensive coordinator. He has often been considered Ditka's logical successor, but his stock has dropped as the team's defense declined. ■ Oilers Fire 2 Coaches

The Oilers, whose defense collapsed in the second half of Sunday's overtime playoff loss to Buffalo, have fired their defensive coordinator. Jim Eddy, and the defensive backs coach. Pat Thomas. The Associated Press reported.

Eddy and Thomas had been members of Jack Pardee's coaching staff with the USFL Houston Gamblers and at the University of Houston before joining him with

"It's no secret we had a few problems in that area and we've got to get them corrected." Pardee said. This is a tough business. At this time of year, you'd rather be selling insurance or doing something on

 Tom Coughlin said that he will remain as Boston College's football coach, ending speculation he might take that job with the New York Giants.

 The Bills said quarterback Jim Kelly is unlikely to play Saturin Pittsburgh, but that running back Thurman Thomas, the NFL's comseasons, was feeling better after

sustaining a hip pointer.

Linebacker Cornelius Bennett. hamstring injury, was also better, while cornerback Kirby Jackson. who also missed the game with a hamstring injury, was improved.



Carole Merle of France, back to her championship form of last season, was fastest in both runs.

Dallas, where he finished his playing career in 1972. He was hired as an assistant to Dallas' coach. Tom Merle Dominates Giant Slalom

MARIBOR, Slovenia - Carole Merle of France stormed back Monday to her championship form of last season, decisively winning a World Cup giant slalom race on an

Looking fluid and confident.

runs, turning in a total time of 2 Mreni Schneider, the Swiss ace minutes, 29.44 seconds. That was still looking for her first victory of 1.3 seconds better than Anita the season, finished third with Wachter of Austria.

Wachter's second-place showing, in 2:30.74, was enough to strengthen her position atop the Looking fluid and confident. giant slalom and overall World Merle was the fastest skier in both Cup points standings.

New Czechs Are Doing Well

PERTH. Australia - Petr Korda and Jana Novotna, teamed for the first time in 10 years, gave the new Czech Republic a 2-1 victory Tuesday over Australia in the quarterfinals of the Hopman Cup team tennis tournament.

Later. Steffi Graf crushed Natalia Medvedeva in 42 minutes, setting up top-seeded Germany's 2-1 victory over Ukraine.

Korda and beat Wally Masur and Nicole Provis, 6-2, 7-6 (7-5), in the decisive mixed doubles as the republic made a successful international sporting debut. Korda and Novotna were last

paired as 14-year-olds in a Czech junior tournament, losing in the second round Provis had beaten Novotna, 6-1.

4, in the men's singles.

Graf defeated Medvedeva, 6-2, over Medvedeva and her brother Andrei Medvedev.

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get and Nathalie Tauziat of France. some racers during the first run on The second-seeded Czechs play ter. Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, in the vertical drop of 390 meters (1.287 semifinals,

The Spaniards won the event three years ago and are bidding to starting in the third position, fell on 6-4, in the women's singles and become the first repeat champions. the lower section.

Vreni Schneider, the Swiss ace 2:30.87.

Rapidly improving 19-year-old Martina Ertl of Germany was fourth in 2:31.44, a personal best after finishing second in an impressive first run.

It was the first win this season for Merle, 28, last year's giant sla-Iom champion. The victory was her eighth in the event and her 19th overall in World Cup competition.

Her showing boosted her to third place in overall points, and second in the giant slalom, in a World Cup tournament to date and then teamed with Michael Stich to win the decisive mixed doubles 7.5.2 Maribor was the third women's

Andrei Medvedev. giant slalom of the season, and the first on a European slope after beat Grand Slam Cup champion copening events in North America. A special slalom race was scheduled for Wednesday in Maribor. Hard snow caused problems for

the steep, lower section of Mari-Spain's Emilio Sanchez and his sis- bor's Pohorje course, which has a feet). Deborah Compagnoni of Italy.

1993: The Year Out of Time

L ONDON — The luxuries of time and space no longer exist in soccer. I think they went out around the time of the British Raj.

In 1993, on top of the usual workload, 400 World Cup qualifying matches have to be squeezed into the year. That means dodging wars and famine in Africa. It means taking the World Cup qualifying contest into Beirut, opening up the Japanese frontier, accommodating the new Baltic states, defy-

ing the Colombian Hughes [

action belongs largely to Africa, where there will be 43 World Cup matches to decide three finalists. Africa is now armed with release clauses to borrow back its stars from European clubs.

But arms of another kind have led to postpone-ments in Zaire and Angola. Libya has withdrawn because of U.N. diplomatic and trade sanctions; Liberia announced Tuesday that it had pulled out of the 1994 World Cup qualifying competition because of the financial hardship caused by its civil war.

In England, continuing a rimal begun more than 120 years ago, ye olde FA Cup will continue to be the great leveler. This month's intriguing prospect might pit Blackburn's millionaire manager, Kenny Dalglish, against the min who cleans the windows of Dalglish's house and in his spare time manages a club five leagues below Blackburn. Its part-time players are a match away from facing Blackburn in the Cup.

IAAF Clears 4 Russians

LONDON (AP) - World track officials said Tuesday that four Russian athletes, expelled from Sweden after a trainer was found in possession of anabolic steroids, have been cleared of using illegal drugs.

The International Amateur Athletic Federation

said that tests on hurdlers Lyndmila Narozhilenko, Margarita Penomaryova and Tatyana Reshetnikova and pole vaulter Redion Garanllin had been negative. As the four entered Sweden last month for training, customs officials found the steroids in the luggage of their trainer. Lydia Fedotova.

For the Record

The North Korean women's gymnastics team has been barred from April's world championships in Birmingham England, because of one of its members. Kim Gwan Suk. was listed as 15 years old at the world championships in Stuttgart in 1989, as 16 when she won the asometric cars world title in Indianapolis two cears later, and as still only 16 at the Barcelona Olympics iast year. North Korean officials admitted she was too young to compete in Stuttgart and that she lied about her age in Barcelona.

France's national soccer, voileyball and handball federations have agreed to open gymnasiums and stadium locker rooms to homeless people during the present cold wave, officials said Tuesday. (AP)
Aldo Agroppi. 48, who previously coached the club
in the 1985-36 season, was rehired by the Italian first

division team Florentina to replace the fired Luigi

Mare Rosset of Switzerland, the Olympic tennis champion, pulled of the Qatar Open because of a throat infection and said he also would not play in the

February — The to and fro continues in Africa, and finishes with a fascinating duel beside the Nile between Egypt and Zimbahwe, the old soccer rulers against the potential new. In this month, too, Italy, whose team captain, Franco Baresi, has been sent off in successive matches for club and country, dares not lose a World Cup qualifier in Portugal.

March - It will bring back the club European Champions League, a world under-20 championship in Australia, and Switzerland versus Portugal and Denmark versus Spain among vital qualifying contests. April — More European club matches, and more mighty World Cup qualifiers on the 28th: England versus Holland, Ireland versus Denmark, France versus Holland, Ireland versus Denmark, France versus Denmark, Fr sus Sweden. Wales journeys to Czechoslovakia, which, despite the New Year separation, plays on united for

the 1994 World Cup. May — The first day brings another test of Italy's nerve, in Switzerland against a side that led, 2-0, before Italy saved face with a draw at home last autumn.

This month will also see the start of Japan's new J League, in which corporate giants introduce Gary Lineker, Zico & Co., while Europe's season climaxes with, doubtless, Milan's \$60-million team as the champion of champions.

From May 7-15, the players of Lebanon, India, Hong Kong, Bahrain and South Korea compete in 10 World Cup qualifiers in Beirut. We might all pray that FIFA has correctly judged the moment to sanction new hope in this relic of lawlessness.

June — Normally a time to soothe the season's aches. Not in 1993, Norway, leading a World Cup group from which two teams qualify, plays at home against England on the 2d, and in the Netherlands on

And Ecuador hosts the South American championship, the Copa America, expanded to 12 nations and running from June 15 to July 4.

The United States joins in that, and has a World Cup rehearsal with Brazil, England and Germany, in which, on the 19th, the English and Germans test the Kennicky Bluegrass that, it is hoped, will survive under the roof of the Pontiac Silverdome in Michigan, the first-ever designated indoor World Cup venue.

July — It will be full of Asian World Cup matches,

and on the 4th the Copa America final in Ecuador's

enlarged 90,000-place Guayaquil arena.

A UGUST — Europeans are back on two tread-A mills, the new domestic seasons and World Cup qualifiers that include Sweden-France on the 22d. Japan hosts another world youth tournament, for under-17s. South America begins two months of World Cup matches among the teams that sweated through Copa America.

Paraguay, Argentina and Peru are scheduled to play in Colombia - if play is possible. The Colombian team cannot, for love or money, tempt anyone to manage it because with the enormous salary comes death threats from drug barons squabbling over which

gang controls soccer.

"The situation is hampering our preparations," admits the Colombian FA chief, Jnan Bellini, FIFA, with a duty not to send players into death traps, may have to relieve Bellini of his fears and strike Colombia

off the map of qualifying locations.

September — Argentina should qualify with ease, but Brazil-Uruguay on the 19th is the crunch match of the other World Cup group. And with Europe still working through 120 qualifying matches, those pitting France against Romania, Bulgaria against Sweden, and maybe even little Estonia against Italy, will be

October — The 13th is going to be unlucky for some. The Netherlands plays England, Romania meets Belgium, Ireland vies with Spain.

November — The 17th is the last night of qualifying. There are 11 matches in Europe including those in which Italy plays Portugal, Poland plays the Netherlands, Spain plays Denmark, Belgium plays Czechoslovakia, Greece plays Russia and France plays Bul-December - Back to Japan, to the World Club cup

final in Tokyo, with AC Milan versus someone, And then to Las Vegas for the 1994 World Cup draw. The glitz, the ceremonial announcement of where the 24 finalists will play. Already one hears a voice from that ceremony, that of Bora Milutinovic, the displaced Yugoslav who is trying to coax college boys into being men of the soccer world:

The American people have a dynamic can do attitude and a character that produces miracles." Milutinovic will say. "That is why I think we can surprise and become the Denmark of the 1994 World Cup." How do I know he will say that? Because Bora has said it before, and he has no other tune to play.

Rob Hughes is on the staff of the Sunday Times.

More Top College Players Opt to Enter the NFL's Draft kick returner Curtis Conway made up his mind to picks could be part of a new collective bargaining NEW YORK - Marvin Jones and Drew Bledsoe

could make decisions a lot harder for the New England Patriots, who own the No. I pick in the National bined yardage leader the last four Football League draft on April 25-26.

Jones, the Florida State linebacker who won the Butkus and Lombardi awards this season, said Monday that he would leave school early to enter the draft. who missed Saturday's game with a That followed an announcement by Bledsoe, a quarterback, that he would forego his senior year at Washington State.

Ohio State sophomore tailback Robert Smith also Ohio State sophomore tailback Robert Smith also opted for the pros, while Southern Cal wide receiverrookie salaries, and a \$2 million salary cap for draft

leave school last Wednesday.

The deadline to declare is Wednesday, and all eyes

were on Marshall Faulk and Garrison Hearst, running backs who finished second and third in the Heisman Trophy voting.

Faulk, a sophomore from San Diego State, led the nation in rushing in his first two seasons. In December, he said he would definitely return for his junior year, but recent developments on the NFL labor front

may make him change his mind.

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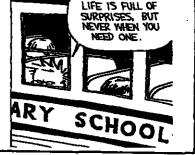
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Hearst, a junior tailback from Georgia, said in December that he would make his decision after the Citrus Bowl, which Georgia won by the score of 21-14 over Ohio State. There has been no word from him so

Smith, a sophomore, returned to the Buckeyes this season after sitting out 1991, when he said an assistant coach, Elliot Uzelac, ordered him to miss classes to attend practice. Smith rushed for a team-leading 819 vards and 10 touchdowns despite missing games because of a broken rib and sprained ankle.

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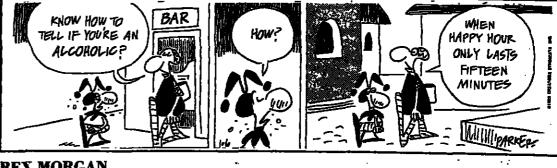


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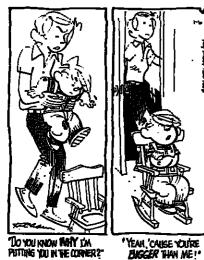
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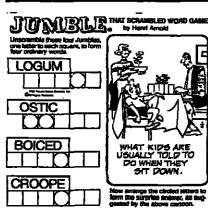




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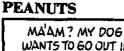
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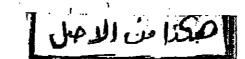








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in the two weeks since he replaced Jerry Tarkanian, Lucas's Spurs have undergone no dramatic transformation and have not added a respected point guard, which Tarkanian publicthe weeken ly clamored for until he was fired by the owner, Red McCombs, after only 21 games.

But they have developed a habit, perhaps temporary, of winning. When the Spurs railied from 4 points behind with 20 seconds left in the magnitude Langue of Hamiltonia George

most logical choice in the universe.

By Harvey Araton

New York Times Service

SAN ANTONIO, Texas - As the game

begins, John Lucas discovers that he does not

fear relinquishing control of his life to five

sometimes erratic young men on a basketball

Standing in front of the bench, arms folded,

awaiting his next nervous burst of kinetic ener-

gy, Lucas feels a familiar exhibaration to this

You'd be surprised to whom Lucas has re-

vealed his vulnerability and turned over his

"People whose last names I don't know saved my life," he said.

A child as young as 8 and a senior as old as

80, he recalled. At one of his lowest points, it

was a man who danced a strip tease in a

Chicago nightclub and teased his hair like the

Lucas. Just someone he met at a meeting of

those attempting to recover from substance

abuse, someone who believed Lucas was kid-

ding himself and needed to be told, straight out,

has, Lucas said. The remaining choice, he said, is to enter the ritualistic and daily addressed

Six years along the latter path have led Lucas to the front of the San Antonio Spurs' bench.

this place of distinction, as the first recovering

substance abuser to coach a major American

for a job like this and, at the same time, the

in classic recovery-speak and in blasphemous

counterpoint to the unofficial coach's credo.

"It's about helping people. But if I help people.

Somehow, he comes across hardly prepared

"My focus isn't all about winning," he said,

Those are two of the three choices an addict

that he was going to end up in jail, or dead.

"A guy I never would have hung with," said

experience.

rock star Prince.

world of recovery.

professional sports team.

then I'm going to win."

fourth quarter and went on to defeat Phoenix, 114-113, in overtime in San Antonio on Sunday night, they won for the fifth time in six games under a coach whose previous experience was an eight-week, minor league season last spring. Even Charles Barkley, in a foul mood be-

cause his team had lost its 14-game winning streak, gave Lucas a bear hug before he left the court. Lucas then carried his own general manager, Bob Bass, halfway to the locker room.

Lucas's minor league team, the Miami Tropics, did win the U.S. Basketball League title, but that experience was really not "about winning." Lucas bought and coached that team to provide a transition back to basketball life for players who had been through the substance-abuse program at his Houston rehabilitation center. Here, coaching the team of a rich and tem-peramental South Texas car dealer, Lucas may be kidding himself to think that anything more than the won-lost record really counts.

But at 39, a widening bald spot in the middle of his graying hair, he fancies himself a man of utities, all capable of making a contribution: father figure, counselor, coach. In the

winner. The morning of the Phoenix game, as the Suns swaggered in at the end of the Spurs' shootaround, an impromptu rehab reunion took place. Phoenix rookie Richard Dumas and the Spurs' William Bedford and Lloyd Daniels, all Lucas center graduates, embraced and exchanged war stories.

Soon they were joined by Lucas and George Gervin, who five years ago was rescued by Lucas from his own drug hell.

"He came and got me, brought me to Houston, and helped me get my life back on track," said Gervin. The once-celebrated Ice Man, 40, admits he

is still trying to cope with the fact that there are no more appreciative and fanatical roars of the San Antonio crowd. Rather than commit to Lucas's invitation to coach the Tropics next spring, he is planning to join a European tour of retired players.

Lucas understands. He works his own slender body hard. He challenges men almost half his age to some one-on-one. He is considered an even bet at some point to consider reactivating

He is a restless soul who has known nationally recognized success on two athletic fronts, in basketball and tennis, in which he stood out from age 10. Yet he has spent a good deal of his adult life battling fears of worthlessness. He says: "It would have been nice to have had more of a childhood. By the time I got to 35, I feit as if my life was over, that there was nothing left to do."

His own mid-30s, his pay-for-play days dwindling plunged him deeper into drugs than ever, until he bottomed out. He has been free from drugs since 1986 and now he is coaching

John Lucas's Recovery Road Trip at 39, an athletic life renewed that has brought Lucas palpable relief he didn't anticipate.

Two days after he was hired by McCombs, he made an assistant coach of Gervin, who was languishing in a community-relations position with the Spurs.

Lucas knows that some people thought he was letting one interest affect another. But does his offering Gervin a chance differ much from Larry Brown's naming his young son-in-law, former Duke point guard Quin Snyder, as an assistant coach with the Los Angeles Clippers? For those who would think that Lucas was confusing priorities and might be more interest-

'My focus isn't all about winning. It's about helping people. But if I help people, then I'm going to

John Lucas, San Antonio coach

ed in using his job as a substance-abuse pulpit, consider that he is soon likely to waive Bedford and that one of his first changes was to show Daniels, the 25-year-old New York City schoolyard legend, the bench.

After being spoon-fed a major role by Tar-kanian, Daniels is currently a bit player for Lucas, who after 14 years of being a point guard, has, at the very least, an acute sense of who ought to be directing an NBA team.

"One of the problems we had here was that guys who had never played in an NBA game were leading the team," said Lucas. "We had to give the team back to the other guys."

The Spurs are David Robinson's team, but veteran jump-shooter Dale Ellis was rescued trom Tarkanian's doghouse, and bench players like rebound specialist Larry Smith and point guard Avery Johnson have been granted con-

tributory assignments.

Most significant, perhaps coincidental, forward Sean Elliott has had the two best weeks of his NBA career. Lucas has ordered the previously reticent shooter to fire them up. Late in the fourth quarter of the Phoenix game. Elliott was the point guard.

"It wasn't so obvious then, and maybe it's Monday morning quarterbacking, but it's easy to see the leadership and direction we have now," said Robinson, who especially admires Lucas's energy, "It doesn't seem like an act. Every day, he seems charged up about life." Lucas is not about to blind anyone with his grasp of X's and O's. His offense right now

consists of free-lancing and of two plays -Robinson in the post and Ellis getting the ball around a screen.

Lucas was an intuitive player, creating as he went. Not to sound disrespectful to the Tele-Strating set, he said: "Listen, everybody winds up in a triangle on offense. It's just a question of how you get there."

He sees the coaching cycle of recently retired players because today's young millionaires best relate to those who understand the life, who speak the same language. He knows they won't always like what he has to say.

Even in the glow of what felt like a playoff victory on Sunday night, point guard Vinny Del Negro, who played one minute in the second half after a 15-point, 9-assist first half, frowned and mouthed cold cliches like: "You'll have to ask him. He's the coach."

Lucas explained that his team had been down 10 points at the half. He wanted to change the pace of the game.

"Some of these guys are not going to like me real soon, and that's why I hired George." he said. "I may see myself in other roles, but this is

Having stripped himself to the bone elsewhere, Lucas speaks the players' language with a frankness most have never heard. Once, he said, he was trying to make Roy Tarpley, the former Dalias Maverick player

and a Lucas Center patient now playing in Greece, understand his self-destructive ways. On a chalk board, he wrote the figure "\$3 million" in the left corner. In the right, he wrote: "15 black jack and a gram of cocaine." In the middle, he drew a small figure, representing an athlete who is a substance abuser.

He told Tarpley: "I would guarantee this athlete the \$3 million if he could avoid the alcohol and drugs for 30 days. But I guarantee you, come back in 45 minutes, and the stuff would be gone."

"That's bull," said Tarpley.
"Oh, yeah?" said Lucas, "How much were you supposed to make this season?"

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Bobby Hurley, whose four free throws helped Duke reach overtime, drove past Oklahoma's Jeff Webster for two of his 23 points.

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Late Surge Fails Oklahoma

The Associated Press

to lose, sooner or later.
The Oklahoma Sooners almost made it sooner.

with an 88-84 victory Monday. That extended Duke's winning

winning streak to 34 and its home court streak against non-Atlantic Coast Conference teams to 76. Oklahoma came in looking for revenge after Duke stifled its 51-

game home winning streak two years ago. The Sooners battled back from a 31-11 Duke rally in the first half and a 20-point deficit in the second half. "They put us in a position where

there was pressure on us," said Duke's coach, Mike Krzyzewski. "They fought like crazy."

The Sooners went almost three minutes without a field goal in overtime, allowing the Blue Devils (9-0) to open an 82-76 lead on two baskets by Grant Hill on passes throws by Thomas Hill.

Four free throws by Hurley down the stretch gave Duke a 7point lead before Angelo Hamilton made a 3-pointer at the buzzer.

"We hit that spot in overtime where the shots weren't necessarily that bad," Oklahoma's coach, Billy Tubbs, said, "but we just couldn't get anything to fall."

Hill led the Blue Devils with 25 points, Hurley had 23 points and 15 assists and Thomas Hill scored 13. Hamilton tied the game on a 3pointer with 33 seconds left, and Thomas Hill's shot at the buzzer

was deflected, sending the game

The Duke Blue Devils are going into overtime. No. 6 North Carolina 98, Cornell

60: In Chapel Hill, Cornell (4-4) didn't look anything like the team They took Duke into overtime at that knocked California from the Durham but the No. 1 Blue Devils top 25 last week with an upset. outscored the No. 11 Sooners, 14

10 in the extra period to come out 16 points each.

No. 7 Seton Hall 72, No. 19 Constreak to 22 games, its home court necticut 69: In East Rutherford, New Jersey, Seton Half's defense saved it once again. Trailing by

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

nine points with eight minutes to play, the Pirates (12-1, 2-0 Big East) limited Connecticut (6-2, 1-1). to four baskets down the stretch and rallied for its ninth straight

No. 8 Iowa 80, Drake 65: Iowa (11-0), playing at home, used its strong inside play and sharp freethrow shooting in the last three minutes to pull away. Acie Earl led Iowa with 22 points, nine rebounds and eight blocked shots.

No. 13 Arkansas 72, SMU 53: At from Bobby Hurley and two free Dallas, Arkansas (9-1) played its first game against a Southwest Conference team since it defected to the Southeastern Conference last year, and SMU (5-4) helped the Razorbacks out by missing its last 24 shots. Scotty Thurman scored 24 points, including four 3-pointers.

> No. 16 Cincinnati 79, Tennessee. 58: Cincinnati (7-1) used a variety of presses and half-court traps to muffle one of the country's most dangerous shooters, holding Allan Houston to a season-low 16 points, 8.3 below his season average. Curtis Bostic led the Bearcats with 20

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Gretzky to Play on Wednesday

INGLEWOOD. California - Having proback injury and eager to return to the ice, Wayne Gretzky will play his first game of the National

Hockey League season Wednesday night Surrounded by family, teammates with the Los Angeles Kings, coaches and doctors, Gretzky said Monday he was excited about playing hockey again, something that at times ne doubted he would be able to do.

"I'm obviously pretty excited," said Gretzky, who has sat out nearly half the season because of a herniated thoracic disk. "The thought of not being able to play hockey was pretty frightpeople get a second chance."

Gretzky, 31, was injured in training camp

and then left Sept. 13 to be with his wife for the



Gretzky: "I'm obviously pretty excited."

He intended to return to the team, but never nounced himself fully recovered from a serious did. His back pain increased and he was hospitalized Sept. 16 in Los Angeles for nearly a week.

He is to play Wednesday night against the Tampa Bay Lightning at the Forum and Friday

The Kings posted a 19-7-2 record in their first 28 games after his injury, but have gone 1-

"This year, he just didn't lead us," Neilson

TODAY's BUSINESS

night against the Jets in Winnipeg but will sit out Sunday's game in Chicago. Gretzky said that, beginning next week, he plans to play

From the start, his recovery has gone ahead of schedule. He resumed skating Dec. 7 and began practicing with the team Dec. 26. Dr. Robert Watkins, a spine expert who has been treating Gretzky, said the center's condition is excellent

7-3 in their last 11 games.

• In New York, the Rangers named Ron Smith, 48, his successful disciple at Binghamton, as the interim coach after demoting Roger Neilson to scout, and Neilson broke his diplomatic silence to blame Mark Messier for the troubles that ended a four-year reign.

In separate interviews, Neilson and the team's star sounded relieved to be rid of each

said. "Last year, Mark was on top of all the little things. He was leading meetings and no-ticing things. This year, he didn't get it done." Messier said that "I don't want to coach the team," but countered that Neilson had failed to adjust his strategies after repeated beating from Patrick Division rivals. (LAT, NYT)

Chisox, Bucs and Braves Sign Players

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - For the Chicago White Sox, Pittsburgh Pirates and Atlanta Braves, the best way to start the new year was with a new free

Pittsburgh signed 37-year-old outfielder Lounie Smith to a \$1 million, one-year contract with the chance for another \$500,000 in bonuses. And while Smith was leaving the Braves, infielder Bill Pecota was joining them, agreeing on a \$1.25 million, two-year contract.

Outfielder Ellis Burks, let go last month by the Boston Red Sox, agreed to sign with the White Sox for a one-year contract worth pay to \$2.05 million through bonus clauses. Burks, 28, became a free agent Dec. 18 when the Red Sox decided not to go to salary arbitra-

day to give Cincinnati Reds owner Marge Schott until Jan. 20 to respond to allegation that she made racial and ethnic remarks.

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Hawaii's Tourist Blues

By Robert Reinhold New York Times Service

r ONOLULU - When final II figures are in, 1992 will show the worst reversal for Hawaii tourism since the state converted its economy from plantation agriculture to world-class resort a generation ago. Many Hawaiians are not sure if that is good or bad.

What we get from tourism is a lot of people stepping on the grass," said Ira Rohter, a political scientist

at the University of Hawaii.
While Rohier's view may not reflect that of most of the state's 1.1 million people, he does capture a growing disaffection with the dominant industry, now a source of resentment as well as income.

The number of visitors in 1992 was down nearly 5 percent from the level of 1991, which was not a great year either. The combined effects of the recession in California, the chief source of Hawaii's tourists, and Hurricane Iniki in September. which decimated tourism on the island of Kanai, have served to intensify long-standing unease about having so many economic eggs in one basket. Further compounding worries is the decline in the United States' military spending, which accounted for nearly 10 percent of the

Does the state really want to nearly double tourist arrivals by 2005, as projected? Does it make sense to spend \$2.5 billion to expand Honolulu's airport, an effort that is already under way? Is traditional Hawaiian culture being prostituted for the sake of tourism.

And there is another question: How much does Hawaii actually profit from tourism? Not much, say the critics, who argue that no sooner are the profits earned than they begin flowing out of state - to mainland investors in Hawaii hotels and other tourist attractions and to exporters in Japan on whom Hawaii. lacking economic diversification, is dependent for many goods.

Caught between the forces for change and the politically powerful tourism industry. Governor John D. Waihee III counsels caution. "Tourism is our major industry that cannot be denied." he said in a recent interview. He added that he felt the best strategy was to expand the tourism market - encouraging more European visitors, for example - while encouraging new industries like communications and

scientific research. Efforts at diversification include the new Maui Research and Technology Park on Maui, meant to

encourage small high-tech concerns to feed off the military research conducted at telescopes on the island's Mount Haleakala. But progress there has been slow. Others are trying to exploit Hawaii's natural advantages, in ma-rine research, seafood culture and

geothermal energy; to build a spaceport, and to take advantage of the state's mid-Pacific location as a commercial and transportation hub for the Pacific Rim countries. For example, Media Five is a 20year-old design concern in downtown Honolulu whose architects do commercial projects not only in the Hawaiian islands but also in San Francisco, Australia and Tokyo.

The vast development that led to tourism's domination began after World War II when Hawaii started selling a tropical paradise to Americans and, later, to affluent Japanese. Golf courses were seen as ideal replacements for idled sugar and pineapple fields. The visitor count passed I million in 1967 and soared to a peak of nearly 7 million by 1990 before declining, according to the Hawaii Visitors Bureau.

Today, about a third of Hawaii's \$30 billion annual gross product can be attributed to tourism, said Gregory G. Y. Pai, the governor's special assistant for economic affairs. There is almost no manufacturing.

But success in tourism came at a price. With land scarce, tourist derelopment drove up the cost of living. And because hotel and restaurant jobs pay poorly, average incomes dropped. Hawaii finds it-self in the position of ranking first in U. S. housing costs - \$335,000 is the median price of a house in the state — but 24th in average income. Housing rentals and food costs are also among the highest of the states. That means thousands of Hawaiians work two or even three jobs to survive, and an exodus to the mainland has begun.

None of the diversification efforts, however, can easily overcome Hawaii's remoteness. We cannot escape the concentration on tourısm," said David L. Ramsour, senior economist at the Bank of Hawaii.

Russell Baker is on vacation.

French Anchorman Makes the Headlines

By Roger Cohen

DARIS - Through a combination of scandal and seductiveness, a somewhat disheveled news anchor named Patrick Poivre d'Arvor has become the most talked-about personality in France and the focus of what is being widely described as a moral crisis affecting the nation and its news outlets.

Embroiled in the dubious financial affairs of an indicted Lvon businessman and accused of faking an interview with President Fidel Castro of Cuba, Poivre d'Arvor. who presents the nightly news on France's most popular television channel, is now making more headlines than he reads.

His engagingly doleful expression, said to charm millions of Frenchwomen, has moved beyond the television screen to every newspaper and magazine.

To some, the problems of Poivre d'Arvor, who is universally known by his ini-tials P. P. D. A., chiefly reflect the jealousy of competitors whose news programs fare less well and the irritation of the Socialist government with a journalist who has sometimes been forthright in revealing official corruption.

To others, the 45-year-old anchor has brought his difficulties on himself by playing fast and loose with journalistic ethics and displaying a venal taste for the limelight. His conduct, critics say, is symptom-atic of a country in which many prominent doctors, business people, politicians and judges have recently been implicated in

"Mr. Poivre d'Arvor has become a symbol for some of the professional classes now popularly associated with corruption, loose morals, greed and irresponsibility," said Albert Du Roy, an author and media expert. Recent scandals involving kickbacks on

public contracts, the illicit financing of political campaigns, seeming political bias on the part of judges, and the provision by doctors of AIDS-contaminated blood products to hemophiliaes have created a widespread sense that professional ethics in France are not what they once were. Some, including former Prime Minister Raymond Barre, are calling for the drafting and strict enforcement of an ethical code for journalists.

But Poivre d'Arvor argues vigorously that there is nothing wrong with his ethics. Rather, he says, he is the victim of a political witch hunt and attacks by rivals angered by the fact that his evening news show on TF1, the leading private channel, regularly attracts 40 percent of viewers. compared with 27.6 percent for the evening news of its chief rival, the stateowned, Socialist-influenced France 2.

"What is happening to me is shameful," he said in an interview. "I know this all



Patrick Poivre d'Arvor, on France's most popular news program.

comes from the highest circles. George Bush did not like Dan Rather. Well, François Mitterrand does not like me." Shaking his head in anger, this journalist with the following of a Walter Cronkite went on: "Look, I've just come from the hospital, where my daughter is suffering from acute anorexia as a result of these attacks. She has almost died a couple of times. I am

at the end of my patience." The most recent source of Poivre d'Arvor's troubles has been an investigation by the Lyon police into the affairs of a prominent businessman named Pierre Botton. who is the son-in-law of a leading Gaullist politician, the city's mayor. Michel Noir.

An examination of the accounts of one of Botton's companies, Vivien, disclosed huge expenditures on receptions, dinners and holiday travel. Vivien is a builder of haxury pharmacies and fiscal police questioned Botton on the justification for the spending.

In a written reply, parts of which were recently published by Le Monde, Botton said much of the spending had been on journalists and other public figures whose presence at receptions tended, he argued. to enhance the image of Vivien. Chief among the journalists was Poivre d'Arvor. whose name appeared 22 times.

Among the payments to the anchor claimed by Botton were one of 7,485 francs (then about \$1,200) in April 1989 covering Poivre d'Arvor's expenses at the Cannes film festival, one of 20,622 francs in February 1989 for a trip to a pharmacy in the Antilles islands, another of 12,400 francs in November 1988 for a visit to a pharmacy in Switzerland and other air

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fares amounting to about \$6,000 in 1988. In the interview. Poivre d'Arvor said he had become friendly with Botton a few years ago and had indeed accepted invitations from time to time. "He must have proposed 100 times and I accepted 10 times.

"It's possible that in some of the big dinners to which he invited me, there were some pharmacists. He may have used me without my knowing. Perhaps I could have chosen my friends better." But the journalist vigorously denied ever having visited any pharmacies with Botton in the Antilles, Switzerland or elsewhere, He also said there was nothing reprehensible about accepting the gifts because what he did was part of his private life.

"I never spoke to Botton about television, I never invited him on television and I can't be responsible if he used my name to explain his company's expenses, Porvie d'Arvor said.

But should the most powerful journalist in France have accepted gifts from the son-in-law of a prominent opposition politician, or indeed from anyone? His television channel, TF1, which de-

pends heavily on Poivre d'Arvor for its

popularity, has rallied overwhelmingly to his cause, saying the journalist's entertainment by Botton had no bearing on his work. There is no question of any censure. Moreover, he contends that his investigative news program, "Le Droit de Savoir" "The Right to Know"), started in 1990, has persistently angered President Mitter-

rand, particularly through an expose on the financing of his 1988 election compaign. Thus the Botton dossier, he suggests, has been leaked by the government to hurt him.

The journalist has many supporters. "Poivre does not merit what's happening to him," said Dominique Wolton, a media expert. "He may have compromised himself a little, but he's attacked mainly out of icalousy.

But others are deeply troubled by Poivre d'Arvor's conduct. "How can you call yourself a journalist and travel free on the expenses of a businessmen who is the son-inaw of the mayor of Lyon?" asked Philippe Kieffer, the media writer for the daily Li-

The effect of the furor has been greater because Poivre d'Arvor's ethics have already been questioned. After a visit to Cuba a year ago, TF1 broadcast what appeared to be an interview of Castro by its anchor. Later, it turned out that the network had used material from a news conference and interposed its own questions.

"The error was to insert the questions because it caused some ambiguity." Poivre d'Arvor said. "But I never claimed on television that this was an interview, much less an exclusive interview.

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Bush Wins an Award He Could Do Without

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Daniel Ducruet, the father of Princess Stephanie of Monaco's son. Louis, has lost his driver's license for three months after his second conviction in a month for traffic-related fighting. Ducruet, 28, was convicted of beating Francis Clarys after the 45-year-old shepherd cut off Ductuet's car in traffic in June 1990. Clarys suffered a broken nose. split lip and skull fracture. On Dec. Ducruet was ordered to pay 1,000 francs in damages to Dr. Jean-Christian Raymond after a dispute over tailgating.

"Tonight Show" bandleader Branford Marsalis 52V5 be was handcuffed and put in a police car after being stopped for speeding ir s' New Orleans last weekend. The jazz' saxophonist said he was quickly released with a warning after a police officer recognized him. A police spokeswoman said she was unaware of such an incident.

Policy wonks, take heart. Andrew Sullivan, egghead Washington editor, has agreed to be in a Gap ad. Sullivan, 29, the young British gay Catholic conservative who runs the New Republic magazine, has agreed to sit for one of those chic portraits that supposedly attest to the absolute with-it-ness of the ubiquitous U.S. clothing store chain Gap. Keen observers of the zeitgeist may find some larger meaning in all this.

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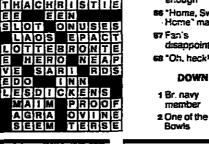
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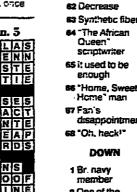
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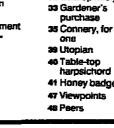
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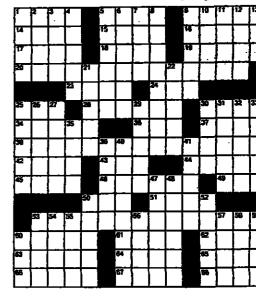
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WHAT DID I DO?: The Unauthorized Autobiography of Larry Rivers

By Larry Rivers with Arnold Weinstein. 498 pages. \$30. Aaron Asher/HarperCollins. Reviewed by

David Lehman

ARRY RIVERS'S life is as colorful as the spectacularly original canvases that have firmly established his place among the maior avant-garde artists of our time. Born Yitzroch Grossberg in the Bronx, Rivers was an uninhibited. grass-smoking, sex-obsessed jazz. saxophonist in his early 20s when he picked up a paintbrush for the first time. The year was 1945; the war was about to end, and New York City was about to become the art capital of the world. Encouraged by such estimable

painters as Jane Freilicher and Nell Blaine, Rivers soon "began thinking that art was an activity on a 'higher level' than jazz," because music is "abstract" and can't be done alone whereas painting is a solo performance that allows the artist to "make nameable things. Rivers took drawing classes with the great Hans Hofmann, but he always retained the improvisatory ideal of jazz, and the make-it-up as-you-go-along approach has served him well.

Rivers had a meteoric rise. A Pierre Bonnard exhibition at New York's Museum of Modern Art in 1948 proved to have a decisive influence on his sense of color and composition.

ent Greenberg, then the United States's foremost art critic, declared in 1949 that Rivers was already "a better composer of pictures than was Bonnard himself in many instances" - and this on the basis of Rivers's first one-man show. Though Greenberg would later modify his praise then withdraw it altogether, he had launched the career of "this amazing

If one condition of avant-garde art is that it is ahead of its time, and another is that it proceeds from a maverick impulse and a contrary disposition, Rivers's vanguard status was assured from the moment when, at the height of Abstract Expressionism, he audaciously made representational paintings, glorifying nostalgia and sentiment while undercutting them with metropolitan irony. His pastiches of famous paintings of the past — such as his

irreverent rendition of "Washington Crossing the Delaware" (1953) - seemed to define the playfully ironic attitudes of Postmodernism years before anyone had thought up that term. And his paintings of brand la-

bels, found objects, and pop icons
—Camel cigarettes, Dutch Masters cigars, the menu at the Cedar Bar in 959, a French 100-franc note demonstrate what is vital about Pop Art while escaping the limitations of that movemen

"What Did I Do?." Rivers's autobiographical ramble, conveys the excitement, the nervous energy, and the sublime agitation of life in New York City at a time when rents were cheap. Lester Young was president of the republic of jazz, and painters of the caliber of Willem De Kooning and Franz Kline hung out at the Cedar Bar,

which thus became, in Rivers's phrase, "the G-spot of the art scene." Obsessed with "art and the quest for sex." Rivers left his wife for the floating bohemia of Manhattan, where he shot up heroin. was openly bisexual, and lived with his two sons and his mother-in-law, Berdie, whom he painted — sometimes in the nude.

Long on anecdote, short on anal-ysis, "What Did I Do?" is full of juicy stories about Rivers's friends and associates. Rivers is a worldclass talker, and reading "What Did I Do?" is like listening to a candid, manic monologue. It is an experiment in discontinuous narrative, with frequent flashbacks and flashforwards, and it is an awful lot

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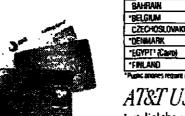
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